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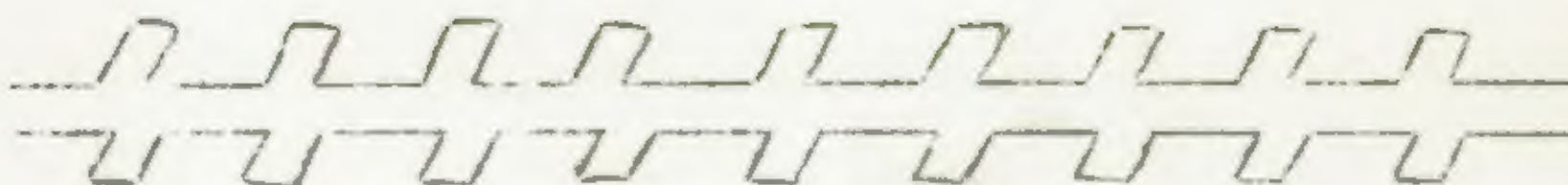
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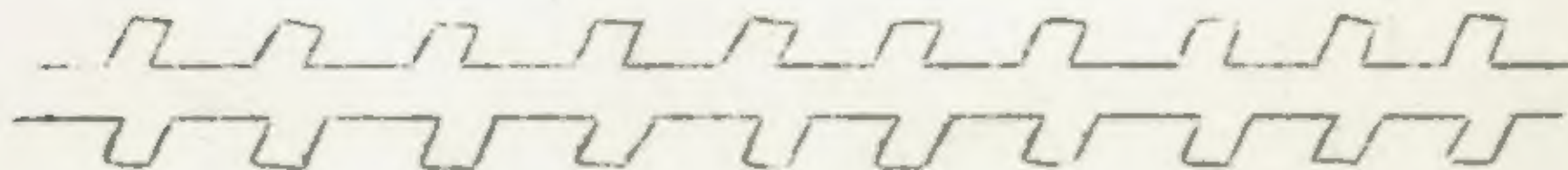
## FOREWARD

This school year of '54  
Could easily play a unanimous encore.  
The curtain rose the first of fall,  
To end a glorious summer for all.

A series of events began to appear  
Which lasted throughout the entire school year.  
First came ballgames, plays, initiation,  
All brought forth a great ovation.

The parties and dances the student  
Council planned  
With Homecoming, the Prom  
And trips with the band.

All these things and others too,  
We have compiled in this book to bring to you.  
May these memories live on through the years  
To bring you joy, laughter, and cheers.





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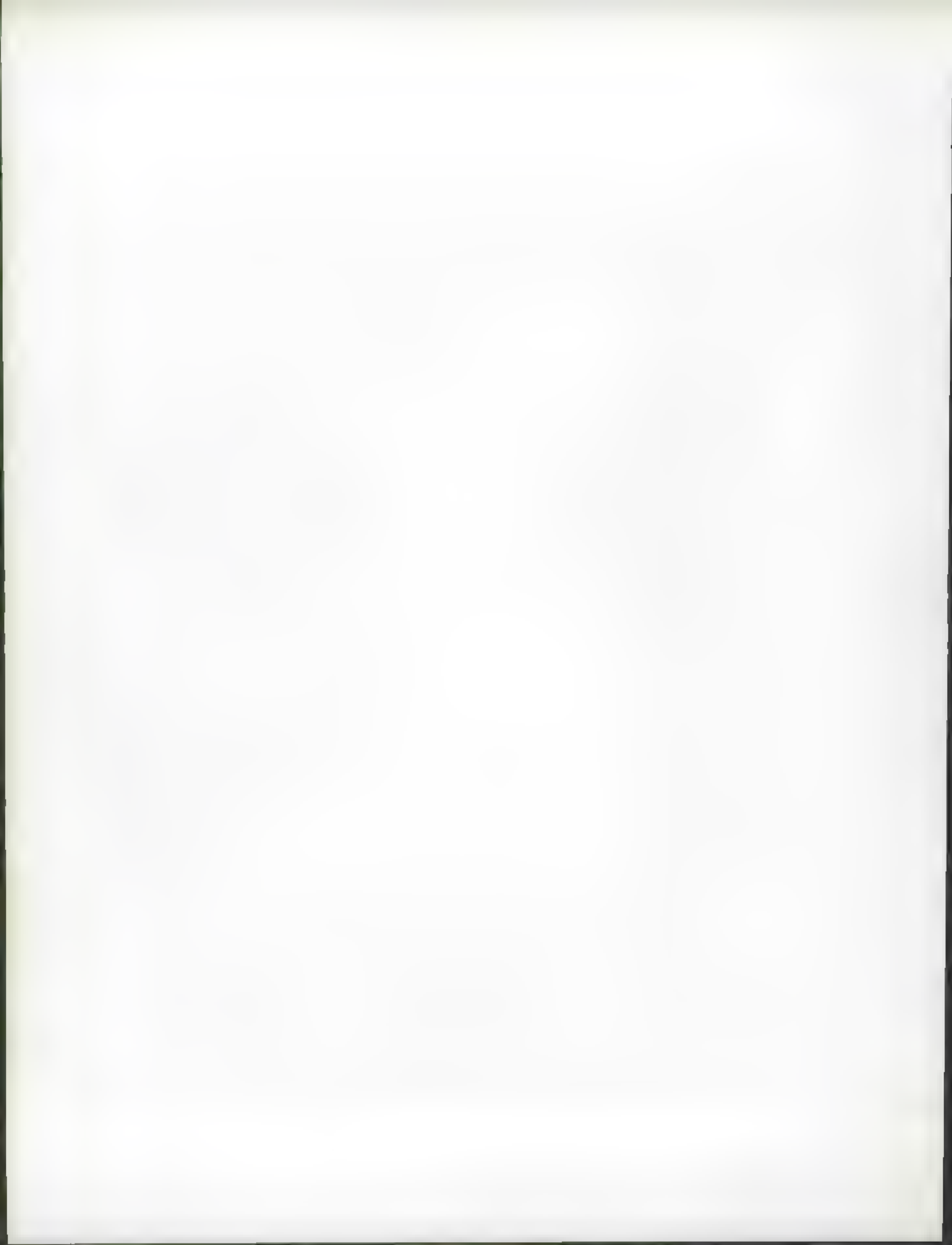
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# Dedication



We, of the Senior class of 1954, wish to dedicate this annual to a person, whom we consider very helpful to us in our years at Sparland.

In his year and a half at Sparland, Mr. Bennett was always helping the class in any way he could. We all hope he fully recovers from his leg ailment, and we sincerely appreciate the help Mr. Bennett has given us.





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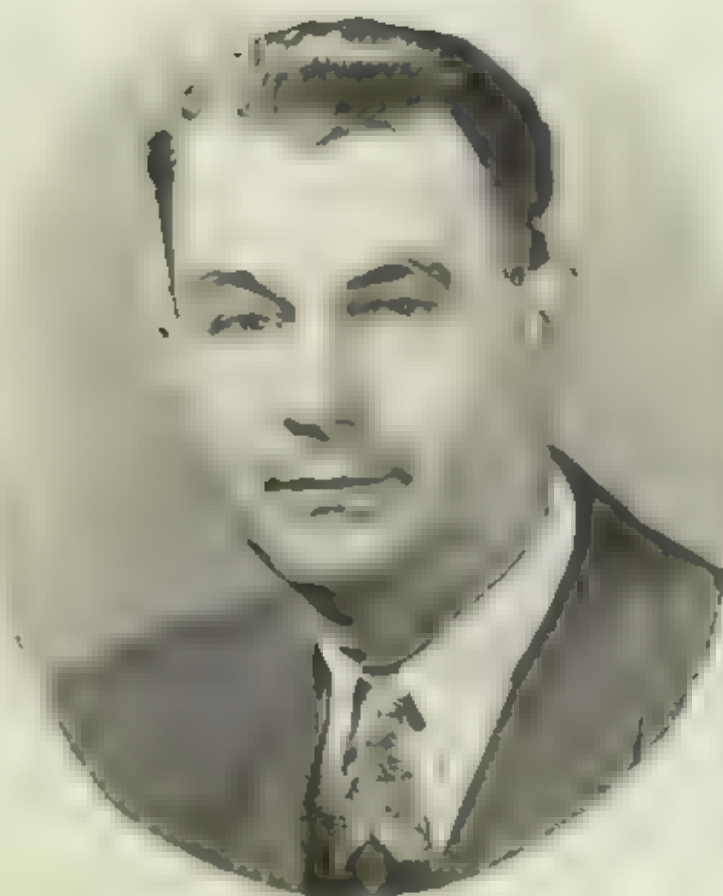
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Congratulations to a fine bunch of Seniors. May each of you make this world a little better place for those who come after you because you have passed over the path and smoothed part of the rough spots before they tread the path.

Your motto, "The Lord is my Shepherd," is a wonderful motto. If you are sincere in making this your motto in life, you have no fear for the future with the Lord to guide you.



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To the class of 1954:

May I wish you continued success in all future graduations, whether they be academic or attained goals of life. It has been a real pleasure to have contributed to a small part of your educational experiences.

Good Luck!







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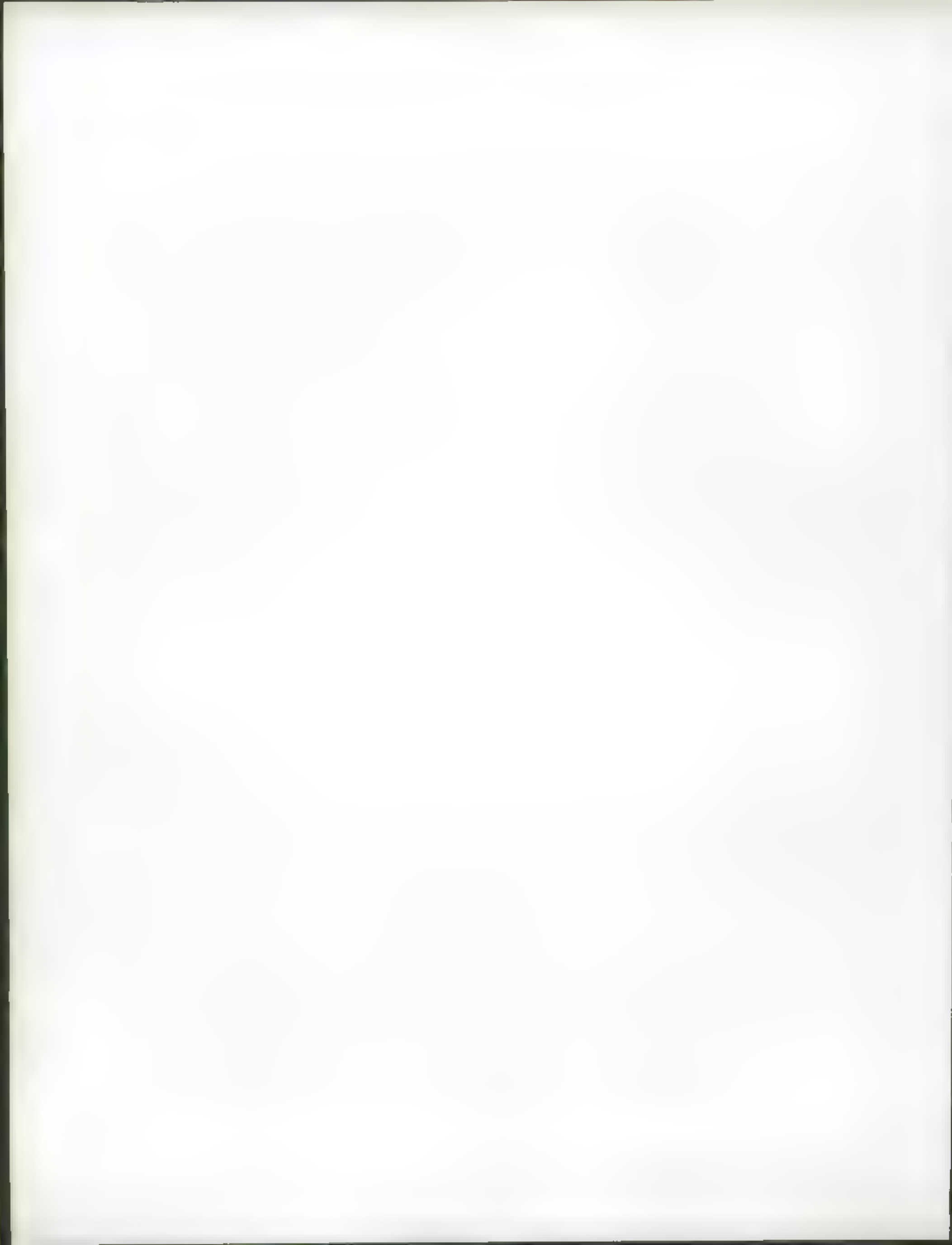


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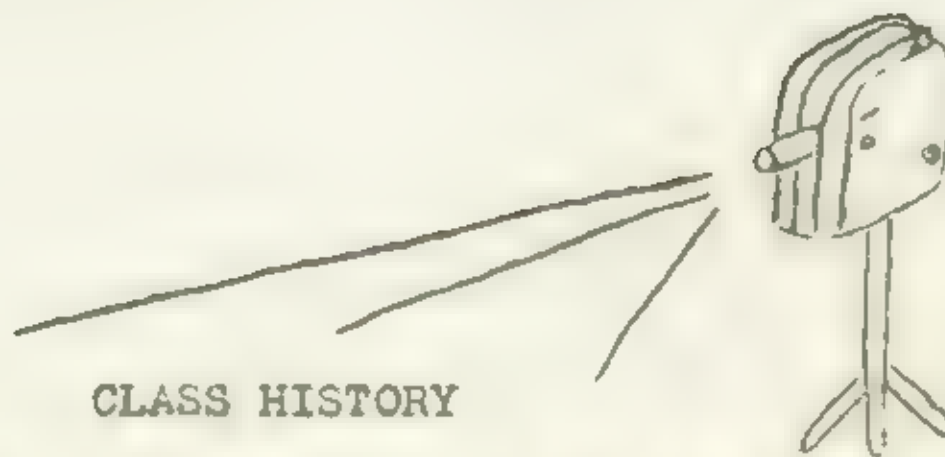












## CLASS HISTORY

It was a sunny and a very happy day for some little kids as we wandered up the hill or climbed out of the school bus. Our teacher introduced herself as Miss Edythe Babington, while we sat in seats next to our best friends. Our first year of education began with Leonard Appel, Buddly Dalton, Effie and Jim Davis, Don Evans, Ronnie Davis, Kaye Huskins, Beverly Lishman, Beverly Wilkins, Beverly Macumber, Edward, Edwin, and Loretta Kear, Barbara McDonald, Russell Medlaris, Donna Osborne, Janis Ross, Gerry Schultz, Roland Spain, Donald Turnmire, and Dorothy Engelbrecht.

After what seemed to be a very long vacation, for we still liked school then, we returned to the same room, now in the second grade, under the leadership of Miss Babington, who became Mrs. Furrh. This is the year we all got chicken pox and we came back to school to see who had the most scars from them.

Upon being promoted, we learned that we, as third graders, would move across the hall to Mrs. Myrtle Monier's room. This year we all got the "Sparland Itch". A joy to our mothers because they had to boil sheets, bedclothing, and pajamas every day. The following year in the same room as fourth graders, we welcomed Mrs. Monier as our teacher again.

Now as fifth graders we went up the stairs to Miss Franks' room. We could take a peek back in the high school halls once in a while now. But, to be sure, we were careful when that high school bell rang that we had cleared the hallway for them. Miss Frank was our capable teacher in the sixth grade also. This year we gained our "star", Jim Mattingly. We were just getting to the stage when we began to notice members of the opposite sex and he made quite a hit with the girls.

When we moved across the hall to the seventh grade, we entered Mrs. Wilson's room, who was very anxious to get a hold of us angels (if you don't believe me, ask her). This year we gained Mary Jane Finnegan, Eugene Eves, Dan Purple, Dick Davis, and Margaret Ann Kelly.

The year 1950 we were very proud, because we were eighth graders now and nearing our high school days. We ended our grade school "daze" under the very capable leadership of Mrs. Margaret Wilson, who said she was going to flunk all of us because she hated to see her darlings leave her. We graduated a class of twenty, including seven La Prairie students.

The year of 1950 was the big moment of our school career, for we were now "green Freshies"; green because we knew nothing about high school and wondered what smart joke would be thrown at us next by an upper classman. There were nineteen of us now: Jim Mattingly, Mary Leigh, Janis Ross, Mary Jane Finnegan, Beverly Wilkins, Donna Osborne, Ethel Davis, Gerry Schultz, Wilma Slutz, Beverly Lishman, Kaye Hoskins, Alice Webber, Michael Retcliff, Don Dawson, Eugene Eves, Phillip Easter, Dick Davis, Raymond Ehle, and Dan Purple. During this year most of us got to have our first date and go on our first hayrack rides. Because we liked parties so well, we got off to a good start by having a "Sock Hop", which once again started the dancing fever.

As sophomores we lived up to the nickname "silly sophomores" and I mean we were silly! If we were dared to do anything we'd do it, such as walk through the halls barefoot or roll our bluejeans up above our knees. During this year we gained Bob Spellious. Again this year we had a very successful dance, the S.H.S. Round-Up.

The following year, our junior year, we were "jolly juniors". This was a year we all looked forward to because we would receive our class rings and

have the opportunity to present our class play, which was "The Nutt Family". This name really seemed to describe us. We also got to go to our first formal dance. We held our prom and banquet at the Jefferson Hotel in Peoria. We thought it was the best one ever. And it was! This year Janis Ross, who had been with us all the way, left us.

As vacation time came again we could hardly wait to get back to school. For this year we would be the bosses and big wheels of the school.

The first thing we did was to elect our officers. In our class meetings we never got much done with all the discussions and arguments. The poor boys didn't have a chance they were so outnumbered. We lost one boy early in the year, Don Purple.

We thought we were pretty smart when we helped with initiation and had those freshmen kneeling to us. Another thing that pleased us was getting time off of school to sell annual ads. We started working on our class play in October. We heard rumors to the effect that it was the best ever given and, of course, we believed them. Seniors are kept busy with their play, homecoming, working on the annual, earning money for the trip, and awaiting the fateful day. We were no exceptions.

And here we are at last, a class of fifteen, Jim Mattingly, Lilan Slutz, Kaye Hoskins, Beverly Lishman, Raymond Ehle, Donna Osborne, Beverly Wilkins, Alice Webber, Mike Ratcliff, Ethel Davis, Mary Leigh, Phillip Easter, Gerry Schultz, Mary Jane Finnegan, and Bob Spellious.

We have proved to be a very active and resourceful class during our four years at Sparland High School. We hope the following classes leave as good a reputation as we have. You're right, there is no conceit in Sparland High, the Class of '54 has it all.





## SENIOR CLASS NEWS

The members of the Senior Class of 1954 are truly sorry that we must now leave the familiar and beloved halls of Sparland High School. We wish all you other students the very best of luck and hope that you benefit highly from your experience at our school and get as much enjoyment from it as we did.

Senior pictures were taken on September 17. And thank goodness, they all flattered us.

Then on Friday, November 13, we gave our senior play, The Able Miss Cain. It still seems wonderful that it was such a hit. A lot of the credit goes to our director, Mr. Charles Pearson.

Collecting ads was our next event, and we really had a lot of fun. We split into four groups and competition was stiff. The Chilli group netted the most.

We presented the Christmas Assembly this year. Mrs. George Hacker from Leon, gave "The Christmas Story", a dramatic reading. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The big-mid-year event was the '54 Homecoming, January 8, which was attended by one of the biggest crowds ever. The senior candidate, Mary Jane Finnegan, was crowned Queen of the Homecoming. After the coronation, the crowd danced to the music of Ozzie Osborne's Orchestra.

Five members of the class attended Campus Day at Bradley University on April 13. They toured the campus and had counselling periods with some of the instructors to decide what courses to study in college.

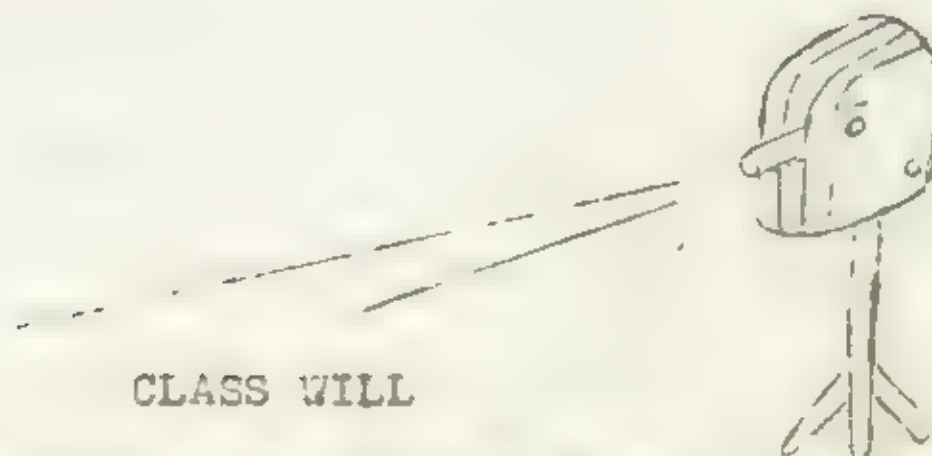
On May 1, we were very honored to be the guests of the Juniors at the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom held in the Pere Marquette Hotel in Peoria. The next day, after eating breakfast at one of the kid's house, we formed a caravan and left for "Far Away Places", namely X.

Six o'clock A.M., May 13, the senior class and chaperones, Miss Garnes, Mr. Brolley, and Mr. and Mrs. Jones, left on the Senior Trip to Chicago. We enjoyed three days in the "Windy City" and returned on Saturday night completely exhausted.

Now it was getting dangerously close to graduation. Class Night (and we had a rip-roaring, different time) was on May 21. Baccalaureate was on Sunday, May 23, with Reverend John Bauserman as the speaker.

The big event of all our years of school was finally (I don't want to!!!) here. Now we are saying "Good-bye" to the teachers, kids, school and gay old times for the last time. G. B., you all.





### CLASS WILL

We, the senior class of '54, as a way of showing our deep gratitude for all of the wonderful things that have happened to us in old S. H. S., do hereby will our most prized possessions to our loyal faculty and our fellow school pals. We hope they will hold and cherish them as we have, during our four long years.

We wish to present several awards to the teachers, which they really deserve for putting up with us all this time.

To Miss Rould, we present a new hamster cage.

To Miss Garnea, a large box of corn plasters.

To Mrs. Koch, a long feather to wake up lazy English students.

To Mr. Erolley, a brand new history book.

To Mr. Ferrari, a hearing aid and a pair of binoculars to keep tab on last period study hall.

To Miss Hadley, an hour glass for ten minute timings.

To Mr. Turnbull, a gas mask to use while teaching chemistry.

To Mr. Blocher, a wagon to take care of all his band music.

To Mr. Pearson, the mice in study hall for pest contest.

To Mr. Jones, all of our excuse blanks that we never turned in on time.

To Mrs. Howell, a new typewriter ribbon.

To the ole school house, we leave a wad of bubble gum, two 1953 newspapers, and two one-inch pencils.

To the juniors, we leave all the senior year troubles and the messy seats by the windows; also the ability to win both the girls and boys class basketball tournaments.

To the sophomores, we give our old play books (you can use 'em too.)

To the freshmen, we leave the book "How to Become Seniors in Ten Easy Lessons". You'll find this book very helpful.

The time has now come for us of the senior class to give up our treasures to kids who are in dire need of them.

I, Jim Mattingly, do hereby will my old warm up pants, basketball suit, and old tennis shoes to Punk Kennedy. "Use 'em well, my boy."

I, Effie Davis, being of sound mind, do hereby will my long fingernails to John Curry and my hair net to Judy Osborne. Treasure them always.

I, Mary Leigh, do hereby will one of my cats to the future biology classes for intense inspection.

I, Donna Osborne, do hereby will my mind (which is a walking dictionary for silly stuff) to Barbara Biggar. Barbs, grades should go down with my brains.

I, Bob Spellious, do hereby bequeath my ability to go with a Henry girl and keep her to Jack Hencjar. Keep with it, boy. You'll make it some day.



I, Mike Ratcliff, do hereby will my bashfulness to Red Vore. Reason---Sick of having both a red face and hair.

I, Alice Webber, do hereby will my gift of gab and my love for commercial subjects to Doris Spellious. "Know you'll love'em."

I, Kaye Hoskins, being of sound mind and body, do hereby will all the "junk" in my desk to the janitors. At least it will make a good fire.

I, Phillip Easter, do hereby will my wonderful physizue to Louie Greene. Eat a few more wheaties, boy!

I, Gerry Schultz, hereby will my ability to keep busy, even in the sixth hour study hall to Frank Kingen. Wake up and live a little.

I, Ray Ehle, do hereby will my ability to love blondes (car, horse, and Donna) to Kelvin Olson. Continue in my foot steps, boy.

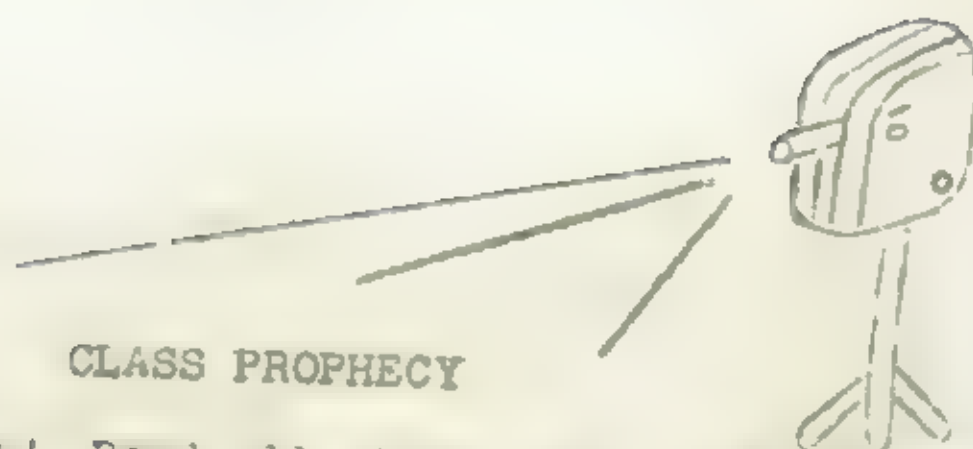
I, Wilma Slutz, hereby will my skill of doing everything at once and doing all of it right to Roger Hoskins. May you rest in peace.

I, Beverly Wilkins, to hereby will my ability to get along with all of the teachers to Ruth Ann Ehle. Have a nice time in the office, Miss Ehle.

I, Beverly Lishman, hereby will my ability to go with a guy and keep him to Barbara McDonald. My motto: "If you ain't got'em--get'em."

I, Mary Jane Finnegan, do hereby will my giggles and my silly talk to Beverly Summitt and Elva Jane Spicer. "Keep it gay, girls."

We the greatest senior class to ever pass through the halls of S.H.S. will all of our abilities which include brain power, sports ability, ability to make and keep friends, musical talent, and silliness to the on-coming classes. May you use these as successfully as we did.



### CLASS PROPHECY

"Extra! Extra! Read all about it! Professor James Mattingly lands first rocket ship on the moon. Get your paper now!"

"I'll take one, please. Here's the 5¢, boy. Guess I'll find me a nice park bench and sit down and relax with the paper. Here's an empty one. Boy, it feels good to rest your weary bones--let's see, what's this here.

"Well, I'll be darned! Professor James Mattingly finally makes it to the moon. His reason for going was because the man in the moon was making eyes at his wife and he was going to get even with him. Haha, well I guess there has to be a reason for everything. Maybe the old boy will get rich on green cheese anyway.

"Here's the society page. Seems to be a lot of engagements announced. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Lishman of 1354 Grandview Drive, Sparland, wish to announce the coming marriage of their daughter Beverly Ann to L. B. Libernice. Miss Lishman is employed at the Bemis Bag Co. of Peoria, Illinois. Mr. Libernice is employed by the Pepsodent Toothpaste advertising agency. The couple plan a candlelight wedding. Oh, that Bev., I always knew she would marry a rich guy.

"What's this? Bob Spellious, Paris fashion designer, returns to America with new spring wardrobe! Surely that couldn't be the kid that was in my class. Yes, it is. Mr. Spellious predicts that in the 21st century the smartly dressed women will be wearing clothing made from woven corn silks and seaweed. The men will wear leopard skins or woven fig leaves. He goes on to say that the women this Easter will be wearing a hat made entirely of cactus plants and a cape made of hamster fur. My goodness, what is the world coming to?

"I guess I'll turn over to the amusements and see if there's any good shows on tonight. Now playing at the Rialto Theatre--Two Fathoms Beneath the Sparland Schoolhouse...starring Minnie Mole and Anthony Ant...Director, Sir Ray Ehle. Ray a director of a big Broadway hit! I always knew he had it in him. Back at Sparland High he did everything but lift the school from the foundation. I wonder if he ever got married. Last time I heard he'd gone with some bubble dancer, but he said he got so bored with her that he decided to stick to his moles and ants. Each one to their own choice.

"Gerry Schultz, former billy goat milker, found dead in the backseat of her '37 Ford. Miss Schultz is believed to have slashed her wrists after a violent quarrel with her lover. She was found dead by Patrolman E. B. Jones as he was preparing to leave a ticket on her car for parking in front of a fire hydrant. So Gerry took the fatal step. Poor thing, she had everything anyone could ask for. Her goat milking business was at its peak. People are funny.

"I guess I'll look at the Classified Ads. Hamm, 'We bury, cremate, or preserve the corpse of your choice. Just call your friendly undertaker, Digger Davis, for immediate service. Our motto is "To Serve You or Preserve You". Phone 7734 for our services. Proprietor--Effie Davis.' Yes, I heard that Effie has a booming business since the Black Plague hit Sparland. She's one person who welcomes death.

"What's this here? 'WANTED! Someone to sit with 16 kids from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Preferably man. See Wilma Slutz at 104 North Washington.' So Wilma has 16 kids now. I heard her last husband left her and sleeps down at Grand Central Station--says it's more peaceful down there.

"These darned ole ads. I get so tired of reading them. Say, I believe I recognize this model. 'She's lovely, she's engaged, she eats Ponds.' Yes, that's



Mary Olive Leigh. She surely has developed into quite a beauty. I read a while back in the paper where she was selected "Kitten Queen of 1965". She really liked cats. I understand that she lives in the Catskill Mountains and spends her time in the training of cats.

"I believe election day must be coming up from all these political advertisements in the paper. 'Vote for Michael David Ratcliff for your Sewage System Supervisor. Experienced at this type of work. One time garbage collector and former manure spreader. If you vote for me, you vote for a germ free city.' I think Mike will be just the man for it.

"Let's see...what's this down here? 'Although now 92 years old, Phil Easter, a native of the city of Sparland, has completed a tour around the world on his bicycle. Phil peddled around the world in 1 year, 5 days, 4 hours, and 6 minutes. Much credit should be given to this courageous man. Who else at such an age would attempt this feat?' Yes, it would have to be someone crazy. I remember him in high school, he had a lot of power in his long legs.

"'Big Top comes to Sparland May 9. Biggest ever reported in our metropolis. Featuring the great acrobatic and trapeze artist, Alice Webber. Come see this national sensation. See her hang from a 500 foot trapeze by her toes. Daring exciting, and breath-taking!' Golly, it seems like yesterday when Alice used to walk the eaves on the schoolhouse. She's really gone places, I just hope that she isn't in for a big let down.

"That woman who's coming down the street looks familiar. She's wearing spike heels, plaid slacks, and a halter. And her head! Why, it's all shaved! What a sight! Jeepers, it's Bev Wilkins. 'Hi, Bev, do you remember me?'

"Why, Donna Osborne, I haven't seen you in ages. How are you? I think I saw you last at the Filthy-Five Auxiliary. I've turned professional wrestler.

Haven't you seen me on T-V? I've wrestled some of the toughest--African Annie and Bow Legged Bertha. Beat 'em too. Oh, you're wondering about my hair; I had it shaved because some of it got pulled out anyway. Well, I'd better be leaving. See you."

"Gee whiz! This sure is a funny world. I think I'll meander on towards home. Sure is a lovely day. Well, what do you know, there goes the Countess Kaye Hoskins. Look at the size of that car! About a block long! Kaye just married the Moslem Prince Aly Kahn last week--his sixth marriage and her first. Well, I guess Kaye has fulfilled her ambitions now. I would think Aly Kahn would be getting poor by now with all the alimony he has to pay his past wives. I wish her success and hope she divorces him when he is in a good mood so she will get more alimony. I'm just about home. 'Oh, hi, Mary Jane, where are you headed?"

"I'm cruising around waitin' for some business. Yes, the hearse business is pretty good these days."

"Why is your hearse covered with asbestos?"

"Well, I covered my hearse with asbestos because it suits the purpose. You see, most of my customers I have to take downward. Simple, isn't it?"

"Yes, I see your point now. Gosh, it's almost six o'clock, I better be leaving. Bye."

Donna has arrived at her home. Dusk is creeping up on the city. Another day gone to bring forth a new one. What will the future hold? No one knows yet. We can only dream about the past. Would you like to read the sign over the door of the home Donna Osborne enters into? Sparland's Home for the Mentally Ill. Crazy world, isn't it?





# Understudies







### JUNIOR CLASS

Top Row, Left to Right: Ivan Dalton, Bob Turnbull, Dean Probyn, John Curry, Jack Hernejar, Ray Rumbold, Jim Davis

Middle Row: Doris Spellious, Merrielle Jury, Ruth Stuff, Lloyd Davis, Pat Jones, Mauritta Streitmatter, Lucille McCullough

Bottom Row: Miss Rould, Barbara McDonald, Ruth Ann Ryan, Jo Anne Campbell, Joanne Thielbar, Miss Hadley



### JUNIOR OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

Left to Right: Miss Hadley, adviser; Lucille McCullough, secretary and treasurer; Lloyd Davis, president; Bob Turnbull, vice president; Barbara McDonald, reporter; Miss Rould, adviser





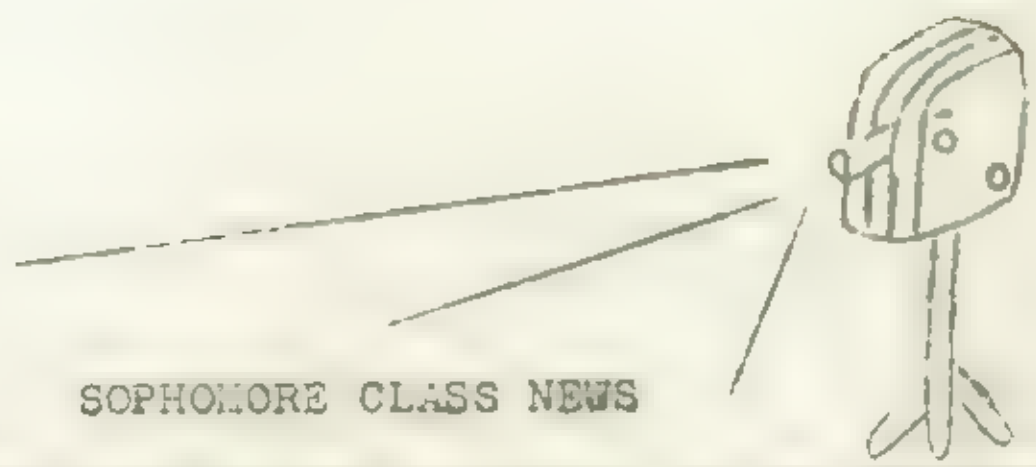
## JUNIOR CLASS NEWS

Junior class officers were as follows:

Presidnet . . . . .	Lloyd Davis
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Secretary-Treasurer . .	Lucille McCullough
Reporter. . . . .	Barbara McDonald
Student Council Members . .	Ruth Ann Ryan
	John Curry-Dean Probyn
Adviser . . . . .	Miss Hadley-Miss Rould

On the whole, this has been a pretty big year for the junior class. The first big event was the day we ordered our class rings. When they finally arrived, we proudly showed them to the members of other classes. The next outstanding event was our junior class play entitled "Headin' For a Weddin'". The play was a comedy in three acts. All of the class members, with the exception of two, were able to participate in the play. Then, finally, came May 1, and with it, the Junior-Senior Prom. The prom was held in Peoria in the La Salle Room of the Pere Marquette Hotel. After the banquet was served, everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Ozzie Osborne's Orchestra. Now, having completed our junior year, we are looking forward to next year when we will be seniors and will have reached the height of our high school career.





## SOPHOMORE CLASS NEWS

There are twenty-seven students in the Sophomore class this year.

On September 8, 1953, class officers were elected as follows:

- |                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| President. . . . .               | Bill Hunt         |
| Vice President . . . . .         | Donita Swanson    |
| Secretary. . . . .               | Beverly Summitt   |
| Treasurer. . . . .               | Beverly Jones     |
| Reporter . . . . .               | Donna Nighswonger |
| Student Council Members. . . . . | Louis Gries       |
|                                  | Pat Jones         |
| Adviser. . . . .                 | Mr. Ferrari       |

On October 23, 1953, the Sophomore class went to Spring Valley for a skating party. On the way home, we stopped at Henry to eat.

On February 26 the Sophomore class was in charge of the assembly program. It was arranged to have some students from Chillicothe entertain. The "Tune Tumblers" played several songs, Mary Johnson sang, and Frank Sturm played several selections on his coronet.



#### **SOPHOMORE CLASS**

Top Row, Left to Right: Wayne Colwell, Joe Watkins, Roger Griswold, Louis Gries, Frank Brewer, Roger Hoskins, Harold Kennedy, Wayne Gallup  
 Middle Row: Phillip Murphy, Deloris Gauwitz, Elsie Schultz, Donna Nighswonger, Beverly Summitt, Bernadine Hankins, Donita Swanson, Barbara Biggar, Sharon Schupp, Ronnie Rumbold  
 Bottom Row: Mr. Ferrari, Carl Brown, Donald Placher, Bill Hunt, Margaret Webber, Ruth Ann Hancher, Beverly Jones, Elva Jane Sulcer



#### **SOPHOMORE OFFICERS AND ADVISER**

Left to Right: Donna Nighswonger, reporter; Beverly Jones, treasurer; Bill Hunt, president; Donita Swanson, Vice president; Beverly Summitt, secretary; Mr. Ferrari, adviser





#### FRESHMAN CLASS

Top Row, Left to Right: Melvin Olson, Jimmy Pringle, Billy Moody, Frank Kingen, Donald Vore, Tommy Ryan

Middle Row: Robert Slutz, Louise Waddle, Judy Osborne, Rosemary Kimble, Louis Greene

Bottom Row: Miss Garnes, Dorothy Appel, Fern Byrd, Ruth Ann Ehle, Donna Gill, Betty Smith



#### FRESHMEN OFFICERS AND ADVISER

Left to Right: Betty Smith, reporter; Donna Gill, secretary; Judy Osborne, president; Billy Moody, vice president; Ruth Ann Ehle, treasurer; Miss Garnes, adviser







## FRESHMEN CLASS NEWS

When the freshmen assembled on the first day of school there were eighteen members. We lost two boys and gained one boy.

The officers for the year were as follows:

President . . . . .	Judy Osborne
Vice President. . . . .	Bill Moody
Secretary. . . . .	Donna Gill
Treasurer . . . . .	Ruth Ann Ehrlé
Reporter. . . . .	Betty Smith
Student Council Members . . . . .	Bob Slutz Fern Byrd
Class Adviser . . . . .	Miss Garnea

Initiation day came soon enough for us and was over too soon for most of us. We were all dressed in different outfits and, of course, we were stiff the next day from kneeling to the seniors.

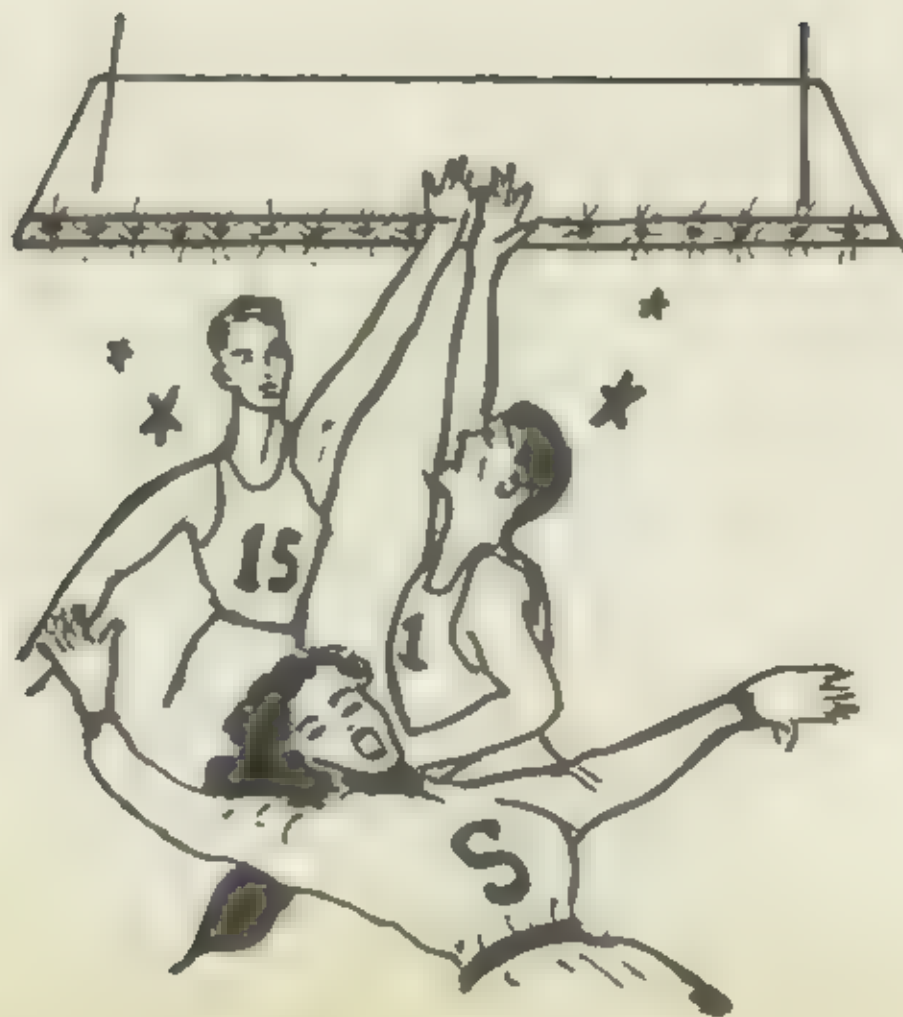
On October 16, we had our first class party, which was a hayride. After our ride in Harold Calder's truck, we came back to the school for some refreshments.

Our next party was a square dance held in Pringle's Seed House.

We freshmen will be glad to become sophomores to see how it seems to be free of the name "Green Freshmen".



# Sports Highlights







#### BASKETBALL SQUAD

Standing, Left to Right: Bob Turnbull, Joe Watkins, Bill Moody, Ivan Dalton, Roger Griswold, John Curry, Bill Hunt, Jim Davis, Harold Kennedy, Michael Rateliff, Jim Mattingly, Don Vore  
Front Row: Robert Slutz, Phillip Murphy



#### CHEERLEADERS

Left to Right: Wilma Slutz, Judy Osborne, Donna Osborne, Kaye Hoskins





# BASKETBALL SCHEDULE (1953-1954)

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE	S.H.S.	PLACE
Nov. 17	Toluca	105	43	T
Nov. 20	Tonic	79	32	H
Dec. 1	Bradford	67	33	H
Dec. 4	Lostant	38	55	H
Dec. 11	Hennepin	42	64	T
Dec. 15	Tiskilwa	78	56	H
Dec. 18	Lostant	57	45	T
Dec. 22	Swaney	79	42	H
Jan. 5	Washburn	82	42	T
Jan. 8	Mid-County	70	42	H
Jan. 12	Henry	60	46	H
Jan. 15	Wenona	68	44	T
Jan. 19	Tonica	82	36	T
Jan. 22	Hennepin	46	47	H
Jan. 26-29	Tri-County Tournament (Held at Henry)			
Jan. 27	Tonica	69	46	
Feb. 2	Bradford	62	43	T
Feb. 5	Toluca	66	46	H
Feb. 9	Hopkins	47	31	H
Feb. 12	Mid-County	72	20	T
Feb. 16	Washburn	72	55	H
Feb. 19	Swaney	63	54	T
Feb. 22-26	District Tournament (Held at Hennepin)			
Feb. 23	Bureau Township	56	54	

## BASKETBALL SUMMARY

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL POINTS</u>	<u>AVERAGE PER GAME</u>
Curry	273	13.0
Davis	68	4.4
Mattingly	253	11.5
Hunt	58	2.8
Kennedy	117	6.9
Kingen	71	3.6
Moody	32	3.2
Ratcliff	2	2.0
Watkins	11	1.4
Griswold	3	3.0

This year we had many boys who hardly knew the first thing about basketball. Most of us were only Freshmen and Sophomores and had only one or two years experience. So you see, after running outdoors for some time, we had to start learning the fundamentals of basketball. After two or three weeks of fundamentals, we traveled to Toluca to go down to a decisive defeat. After a few more games, we met Hennepin on their floor. This was one of the hardest fought games our boys played and Hennepin bowed before us.

As the season rolled on our boys kept improving. We met Hennepin again on our home floor. We were 15 points down in the final four minutes of play but pulled it out of the fog by one point in the final seconds. We managed to struggle through the rest of the season and met Bureau Township in the District Tournament and were beaten out by two points.

Although we didn't have a very successful season, we had drive and the will to win that every team should have. We may have had the poorest team ever witnessed by Sparland this year, but the more experience the underclassmen get, the better they will be in future years.



The members of the team would like to express their appreciation to Coach Jerome Broiley. This was his first year of high school coaching and we give him credit for the swell job he has done. We all wish him lots of luck in his future coaching years.



Bill Hunt, FORWARD

Soph., second year varsity

Bill's one of the most improved players on the squad. Look out for Bill next season, he's going to surprise a lot of people.



Jim Davis, FORWARD

Junior, second year varsity

Jim, an outside shooter with his two handed set shots will be one of our large threats to the next year's opponents.



John G., CENTER

Junior, three years varsity

John's hook shot made him one of the best scoring centers in the state. We're counting on John for the season.



Tom Mattingly, G

Senior, three years



Harold

Soph., first year

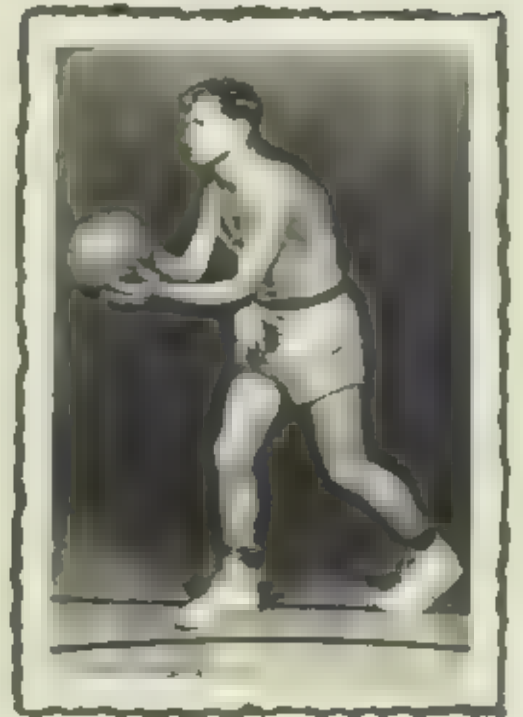
next year's squad.

*"Hilltoppers"  
First Five  
Varsity*





*Go Goats!*



Mike Patterson, Jr.

Senior, Captain of the team

He has been a member of the team since the first time, and has been a member of the team since the first time.



Bill Moody, Captain

Freshman, first year varsity

Bill came into his own as a varsity player during the last couple of weeks of the season. Look for Bill to have a great season next year.



Tom Atkins

Senior, first year varsity

Tom has been a member of the team since the first time, and has been a member of the team since the first time.



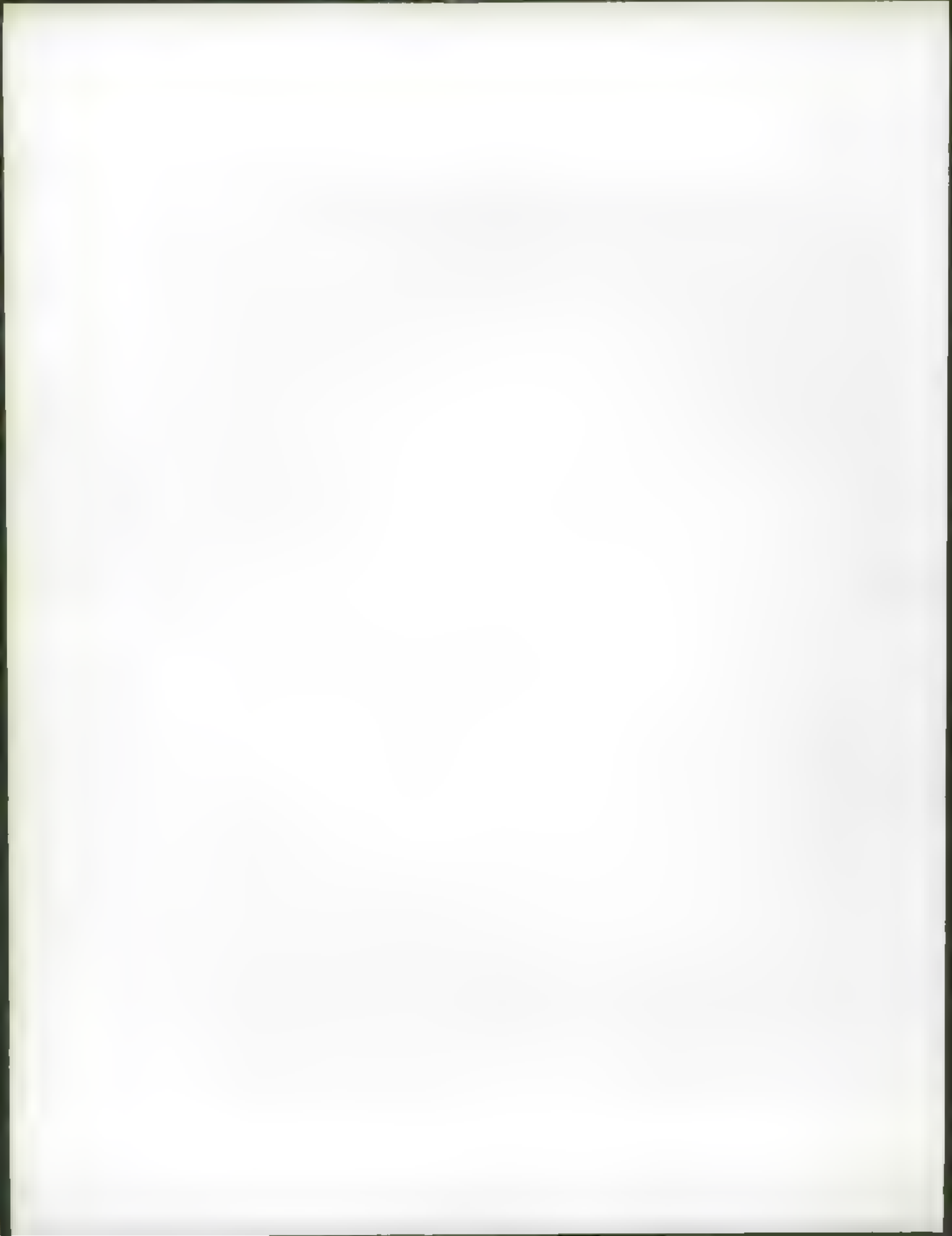
Robert Howard, Jr.

Senior, first year varsity

Robert has been a member of the team since the first time, and has been a member of the team since the first time.

*Jr. Varsity*







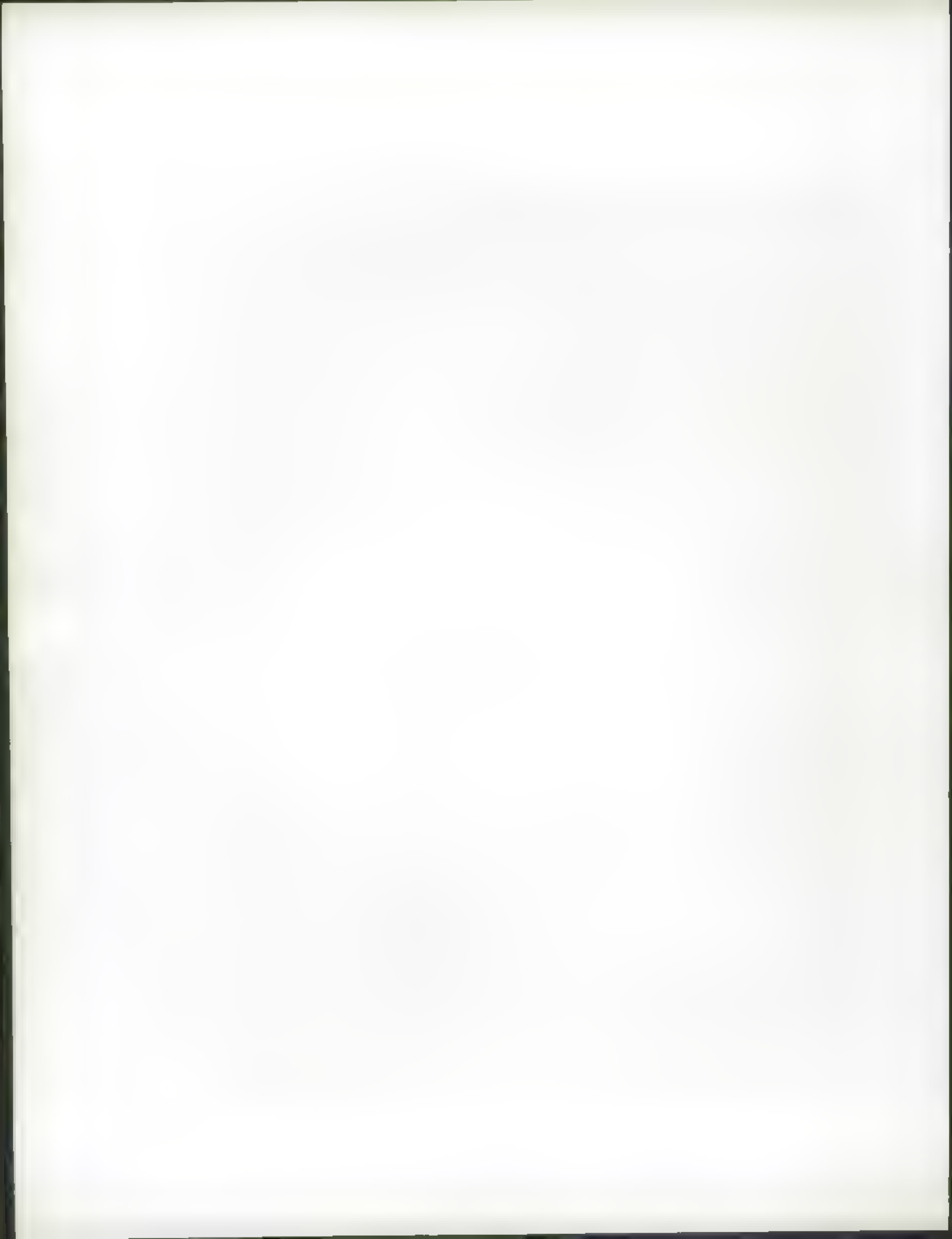
#### BASEBALL BOYS

Standing, Left to Right: Don Vore, Manager; Phillip Murphy, Joe Watkins, Jim Davis, Louis Gries, Frank Kingen, Mr. Brolley, Coach  
 Kneeling: Bob Slutz, Jim Mattingly, Ray Ehle, John Curry, Bill Moody, Harold Kennedy



#### BOYS P. E.

Top Row, Left to Right: Bob Spellious, Carl Brown, Jack Hernejar, Ray Ehle, Phillip Easter, John Curry, Bill Hunt, Don Placher, Louis Gries  
 Middle Row: Lloyd Davis, Jim Mattingly, Joe Watkins, Bill Moody, Roger Griswold, Frank Brewer, Harold Kennedy, Roger Hoskins, Mike Ratoliff, Frank Kingen  
 Bottom Row: Lewis Greene, Bob Slutz, Phillip Murphy, Wayne Gallup, Melvin Olson, Jim Pringle, Wayne Colwell, Tom Ryan, Ronnie Rumbold



# SPARLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

WON 2---LOST 5

<u>NAME</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>A. B.</u>	<u>HITS</u>	<u>AVERAGE</u>
Ehnle	6	20	10	500
Mattingly	7	19	3	111
Moody	6	18	3	174
Kingen	6	20	2	100
Curry	6	20	6	300
Hunt	1	3	0	000
Brown	1	4	2	500
Murphy	4	13	1	079
Slutz	6	19	6	333
Watkins	6	13	2	155
Gries	6	11	3	273
Kennedy	3	6	0	000
Davis	<u>6</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>255</u>
TOTALS	64	187	43	2780

## BASEBALL SCORES

Sparland-----	2	Toluca-----	12
Sparland-----	1	Tonica-----	14
Sparland-----	11	Henry-----	6
Sparland-----	5	Jenona-----	16
Sparland-----	22	Lostant-----	0
Sparland-----	6	Granville-----	14
Sparland-----	2	Swaney-----	21



## G. A. A. NEWS

President. . . . . Kaye Hoskins  
Vice President . . . . . Wilma Slutz  
Secretary-Treasurer. . . . . Beverly Jones  
Point Keeper . . . . . Mary Leigh  
Reporter . . . . . Merrielle Jury  
Adviser. . . . . Miss Rould

Eight of the G.A.A. girls accompanied by Miss Rould, our adviser, went to Washington on October 24 for play day. We went on a bus with the Mid-County girls and enjoyed a day of sports and activities with eight other schools. In the afternoon a show was put on by the girls of the Washington Girls' Athletic Association. Girls attending this play day were: Dolly Gauwitz, Jo Anne Campbell, Barbara McDonald, Beverly Wilkins, Beverly Summitt, Beverly Jones, Mary Leigh, and Merrielle Jury.

Our big project this year was trying to get uniform gym suits for the P.E. classes. We ordered white one-piece gym suits for about half of the girls and we hope to have them all uniformed by next year.

In the middle of March the girls had a basketball tournament at noons. The freshmen and sophomores played the first game and juniors and seniors the next. The sophomores and seniors came out the victory, and played the final game. It was a very exciting, hard-played game with the seniors the victors with a score of 14-9.

Some of the girls earned their local awards, numerals and others earned their second award, letter of the school.

The spring play day held in Roanoke found us in top condition with several girls attending to represent the school.





#### GIRL'S ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Top Row, Left to Right: Donna Nighswonger, Beverly Summitt, Ruth Ann Ehle, Ruth Ann Hancher, Patricia Jones, Elva Jane Spicer, Bernadine Hankins, Donita Swanson  
 Third Row: Joanne Thielbar, Delores Gauwitz, Donna Osborne, Jo Anne Campbell, Elsie Schultz, Geraldine Schultz, Sharon Schupp  
 Second Row: Ethel Davis, Doris Spellious, Ruth Stuff, Barbara McDonald, Mauritta Streitmatter, Lucille McCullough, Judy Osborne, Beverly Wilkins  
 Bottom Row: Beverly Jones, treasurer; Merrielle Jury, secretary; Kaye Hoskins, president; Miss Rould, advisor; Wilma Slutz, vice president; Mary Leigh, point keeper



#### GIRL'S P.E.

Top Row, Left to Right: Ethel Davis, Louise Waddle, Mauritta Streitmatter, Kaye Hoskins, Judy Osborne, Doris Spellious, Lucille McCullough, Beverly Wilkins, Mary Jane Finnegan, Donna Gill  
 Third Row: Miss Rould, Betty Smith, Merrielle Jury, Barbara Biggar, Donna Osborne, Barbara McDonald, Joanne Thielbar, Geraldine Schultz, Ruth Stuff, Delores Gauwitz  
 Second Row: Sharon Schupp, Jo Anne Campbell, Beverly Lishman, Ruth Ann Ryan, Doroty Appel, Bernadine Hankins, Wilma Slutz, Donita Swanson, Elsie Schultz  
 Bottom Row: Elva Jane Spicer, Beverly Jones, Fern Byrd, Ruth Ann Hancher, Margaret Webber, Mary Leigh, Patricia Jones, Ruth Ann Ehle, Beverly Summitt





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### STUDENT COUNCIL

Left To Right; Standing; Robert Slutz, Patricia Jones, Dean Probyn, Ruth Ann Ryan, Louis Gries, Fern Byrd.

Seated; Phillip Easter, Vice President; Beverly Lishman, President; Mr. Jones, Adviser; Mary Jane Finegan, Secretary-Treasurer; John Curry.



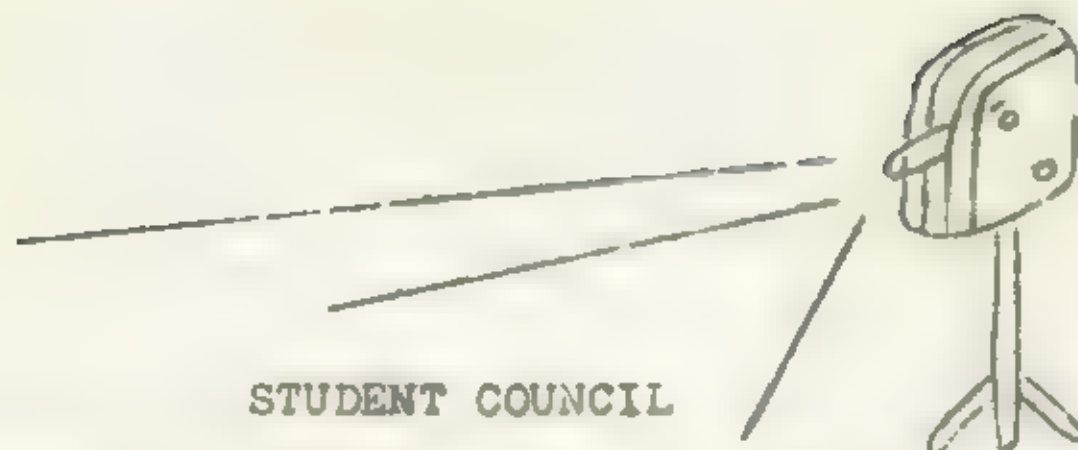
### FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Standing, Left To Right; Bob Slutz, Phillip Murphy, Joe Watkins, Carl Brown, Melvin Olson, Bill Moody, Raymond Rumbold, Donald Placher, Frank Brewer, James Pringle, Thomas Ryan, Louis Greene.

Seated; Louis Gries, Reporter; William Hunt, Secretary; Dean Probyn, Treasurer; Bob Spellious, President; Wayne Gallup, Vice President; Ronnie Rumbold, Sentinel; Mr. Charles Pearson, Adviser.







## STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council this year was one of the most active ever to hit Sparland. They started out with some very good ideas on earning money and helping the school. The officers were Beverly Lishman, President; Phillip Easter, Vice-President; Mary Jane Finnegan, Secretary-Treasurer; and Mr. Jones advisor.

The first thing they did was to purchase outfits for the cheerleaders. The agreement was made that at the end of the year the cheerleaders would return the outfits to the Student Council.

After every Friday night home basketball game, the Student Council sponsored a dance open to everyone for the admission price of 15¢. At these dances they held several cake walks, which proved to be very profitable.

The Student Council earned enough money to have a turkey dinner for the Christmas Banquet. Everyone enjoyed the big meal, especially Mr. Jones, who had plenty of pie.

Near the end of the year the Student Council sponsored a Student Administration Day. The teachers, superintendent, office secretary, and janitors were chosen by an appointed committee of Student Council members.

One of the biggest things the Student Council did was to buy a radio for Study Hall. It was purchased with the understanding that the students would take care of it in the future.

We sincerely hope that the Student Council of next year will have the cooperation of the Student body as we did this year.



### F. F. A. NEWS

There are fifteen members in the Sparland F.F.A. The officers for this year are:

President. . . . .	Robert Spellious
Vice President . . . . .	Wayne Gallup
Secretary. . . . .	Bill Hunt
Treasurer. . . . .	Dean Probyn
Reporter . . . . .	Louis Gries
Sentinel . . . . .	Ronnie Rumbold
Adviser. . . . .	Mr. Charles Pearson

On November 16, six boys went to Washburn to a grain judging contest. On November 30 and on December 1, six boys went to the International Livestock Exhibition at Chicago. They stayed at the YMCA Hotel.

Some of the boys were on a WIRL radio program February 27. On March 19, the F.F.A. sponsored a donkey basketball game.

On April 2, the F.F.A. had a Parents and Son Banquet, which was cooked and served by the F.H.A. The speakers were J. C. Ebach, an American Star Farmer and vice president of the F.F.A. Central Region, and J. E. Sitten, a Livestock Commission man at the Peoria Stockyards and chairman of Section 5 F.F.A. Sponsoring Committee, who also is on the Exposition Gardens Fair Board.

The Sparland F.F.A. was also in the district judging contest.



### LIBRARY CLUB

Mrs. Koch, advisor; Merrielle Jury, Jo Anne Campbell, Bernadine Hankins, Donita Swanson, Mauritta Streitmatter, Beverly Jones, Donna Nighswonger



### NEWSPAPER EDITORS

Freshmen, Rudy Osborne; Sophomore, Donita Swanson, Barbara Biggar; Junior, Lloyd Davis; Senior, Phillip Easter





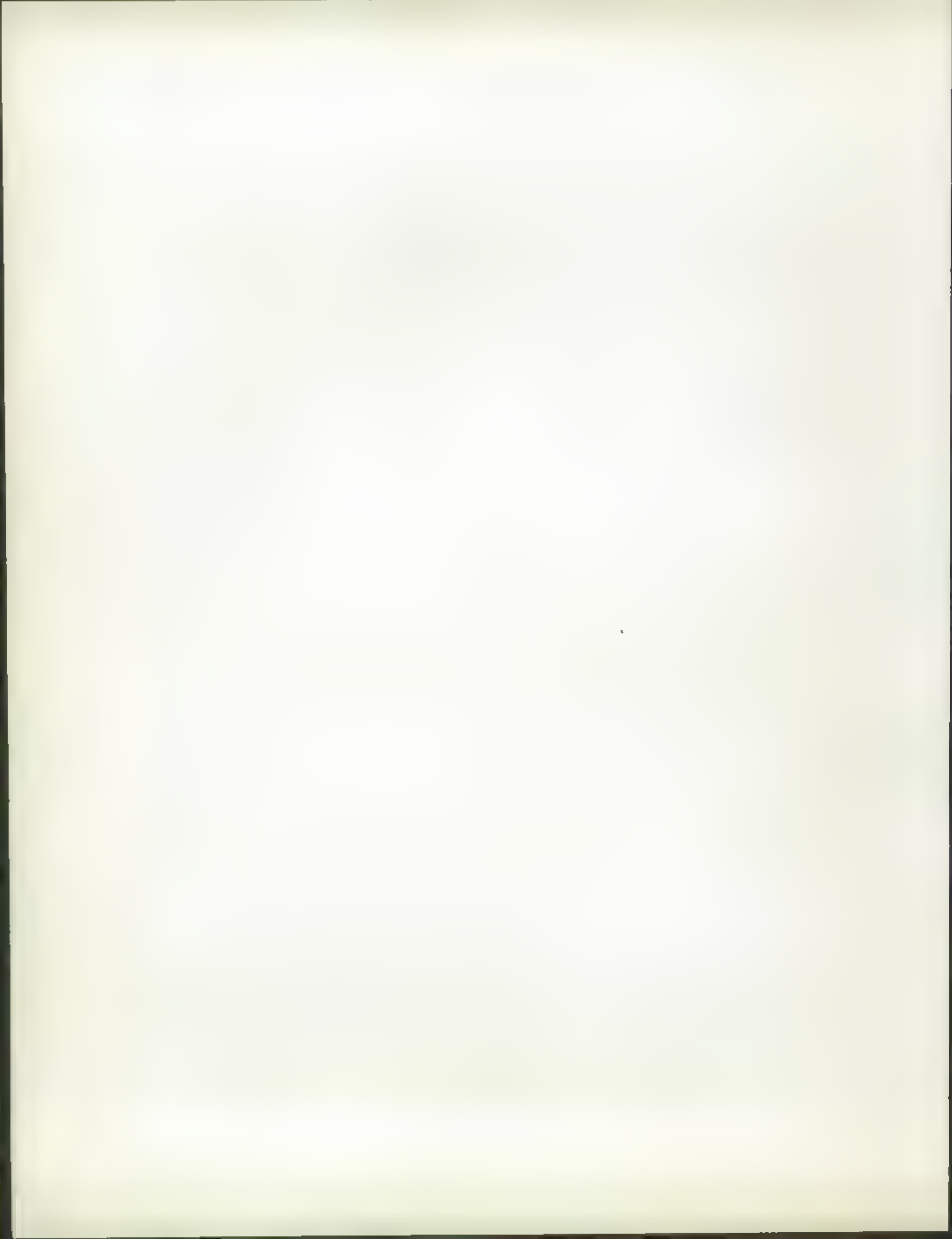
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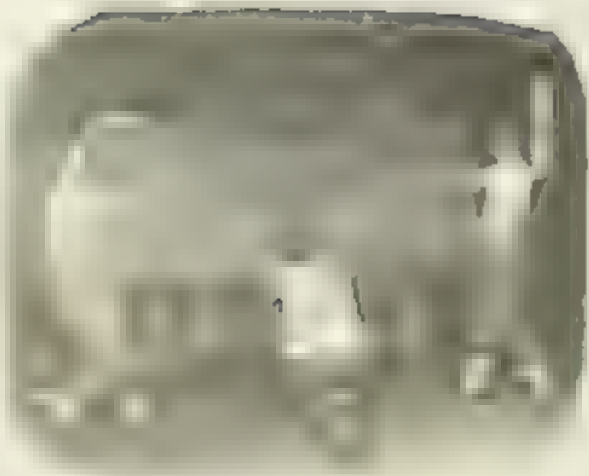
The librarians were picked in a different way this year. Four girls were picked from the sophomore class and three girls from the junior class.

We took the job as librarians with the understanding that we didn't have to make book reports. We soon found out what we had to do in the place of them.

We've been busy all year taking inventory of the library and making a new card file. We hope to have this work done by the time the school year is over.



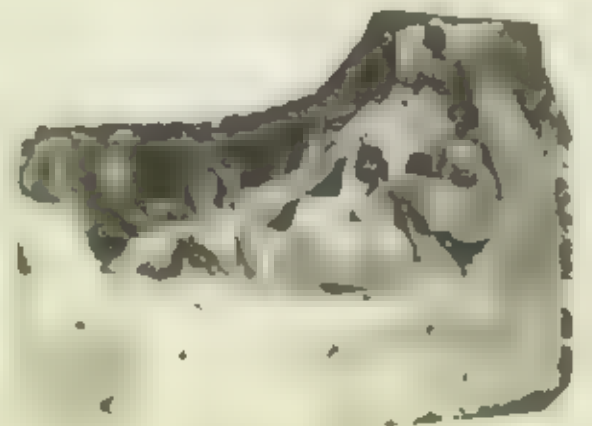
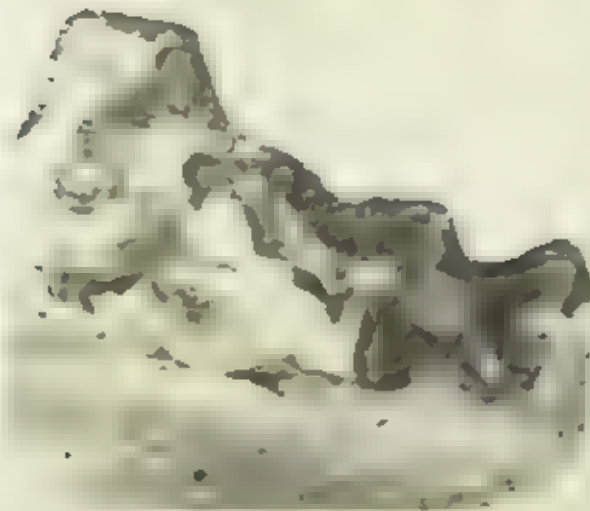




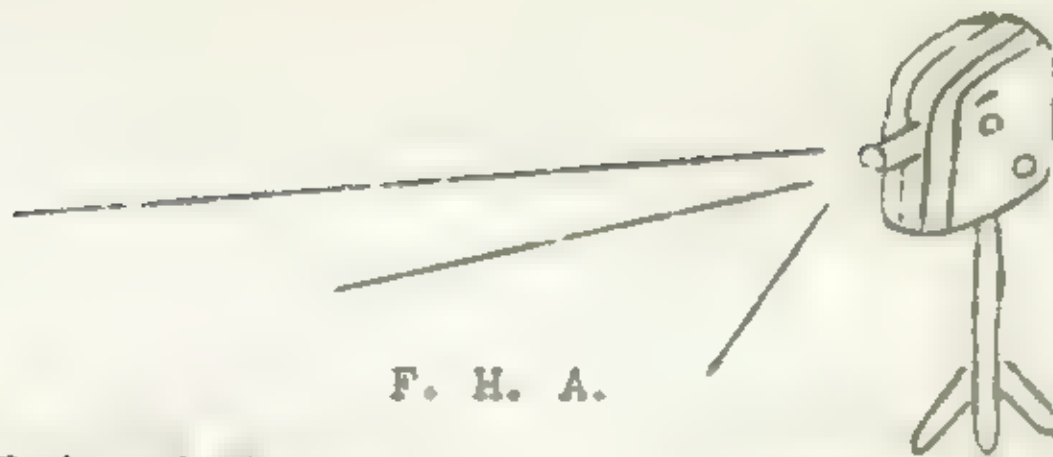
Those  
F.H.A.



"Girls"







Colors: Red and White

Flower: Red Rose

Motto  
Toward New Horizons  
Theme  
Achieve Our Goals in '54

Our officers for 1953-1954 were as follows:

President. . . . .	Kaye Hoskins
Vice President . . . . .	Lucille McCullough
Secretary. . . . .	Barbara Biggar
Treasurer. . . . .	Joanne Thielbar
Parliamentarian. . . . .	Beverly Jones
Public Relations Chairman. . . . .	Sharon Schupp
Historian. . . . .	Beverly Lishman
Chapter Mothers. . . . .	Mrs. Slutz Mrs. Lishman
Adviser. . . . .	Miss Garnea

The F.H.A. girls have been quite active this year.

The girls entered a float in the Old Settler's Day Parade in Lacon on August 27 and received first place award of \$50. We all had a wonderful time building the float.

On Friday, October 2, at the school house, the girls enjoyed a "Slumber Party". We all went to Lishman's pasture before the party and had a weiner roast. After hiking back to the school house some of the girls made their beds from blankets on the floor and read. Some of us sang songs, danced, and ---well, just had fun. At ten o'clock the lights were all turned out, but, of course, no one was tired. Then in the later hours when everyone was almost asleep we were serenaded by a couple of enthusiastic girls.

On October 9, we had a "Hobo Day". The girls went around town doing odd jobs for people such as washing windows, cars, raking leaves, and washing walls in the homes. We made approximately \$25 and all had loads of fun.

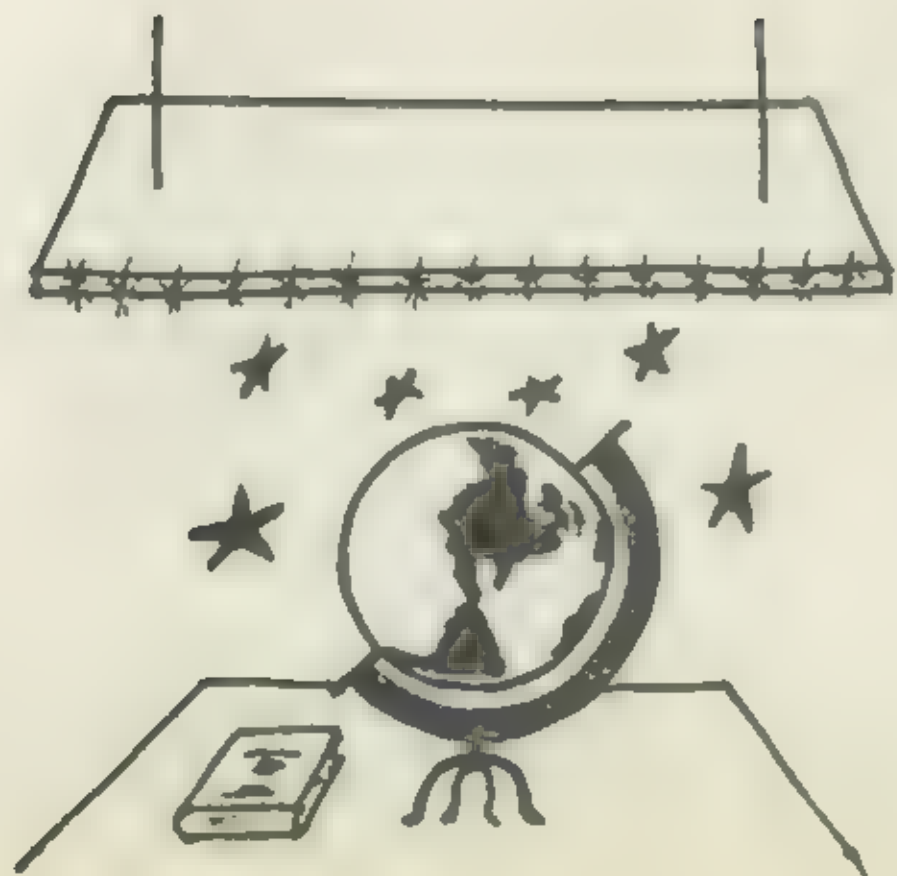
A Mardi Gras was held on March 26 at the school house. Each person came dressed in a different costume. Every class entered in the stunt show. A prize of \$5 was given to the seniors for the best stunt.

At one of our meetings we had an outsider come in and demonstrate cake decorating. Our guest, Mrs. Evangeline Tuttle from Henry, decorated two cakes. Afterwards we each got to sample a piece. Yum!!

Each Home Ec. Class had charge of one meeting this year.

Many of the girls have worked hard for their Junior Home-maker Degrees and really deserve them.

# Special Attractions









#### INSIDE BAND

Front Row, Left to Right: Mary Leigh, Jo Anne Campbell, Barbara Bigger, Barbara McDonald, Jackie Stanfield, Donna Gill, Sharon Schupp, Eulonda Jones, Beverly Jones

Second Row: Lucille McCullough, Mary Jane Finnegan, Frank McCuskey, Mary Ann McDonald, Ronnie Deitrich, Louis Gries, Ruth Anne Ehle, Beverly Summitt, Bernadine Hankins, John Deitrich, Phillip Easter

Standing: Nancy Stanfield, Arthur Blocher, Instructor: Kaye Hoskins, Ivan Dalton, Jack Hernejar, Bob Turnbull, Bill Moody, Donna Osborne, Don Jury, Ronnie Rumbold



#### TWIRLERS

Left to Right: Wilma Slutz, Geraldine Schultz, Beverly Jones, Dorothy Apple, Bernadine Hankins



## MUSIC NEWS

The most important thing we did in chorus this year was sing for baccalaureate. Under the direction of Mr. Ferrari, the mixed chorus sang: "The Halls of Ivy", and "God Bless Our Home".

Last summer we had several practices and in August traveled to the State Fair to perform, where we placed 2nd and later received a trophy and medals. The next event on the Sparland Band's calendar was the Pumpkin Festival at Eureka. Although the weather men gave us a very hot day on which to march, we did our best in the parade and later in the mass band.

Mr. Blocher took us to Macomb once again this year, where we participated in the parade and in the mass band concert on the football field.

November 26, found the S.H.S. Band leading the Peoria Santa Claus Parade. It was cold again this year and it took us awhile to thaw out while eating dinner and watching the show. We also participated in the Chillicothe and Henry Santa Claus Parades.

This year we also played for several home basketball games and some of us took part in playing in the band at the District Tournament at Hennepin.

Under the direction of Mr. Blocher, several contestants entered the District Music Contest this year held at Marseilles, Illinois, on March 6. The contestants received these ratings: Phillip Easter, trombone solo, second; Beverly Jones, sax solo, first state; Bernadine Henkins, baton solo, first state; Beverly Jones, baton solo, first state; Lucille McCullough, cornet solo, second; Jo Anne Campbell, clarinet solo, second; Mary Jane Finnegan, vocal solo, second; Lucille McCullough, vocal solo,

first; Judy Osborne, vocal solo, first; Barbara McDonald, clarinet solo, second; Baritone Duet, Phillip Easter, Beverly Summitt, first state, Donita Swanson, piano solo, second; Mary Leigh, piano solo, second; Phillip Easter, vocal solo, second; Bob Turnbull, vocal solo, first state; Beverly Summitt, baritone solo, third; Baton Duet, Wilma Slutz, Eulonda Jones, first state; Baton Duet, Bernadine Hinkins, Geraldine Schultz, second; Alto Sax and Clarinet Duet, Sharon Schupp, Barbara McDonald, third; Clarinet Duet, Mary Leigh, Jo Anne Campbell, second; Cornet Trio, Mary Jane Finnegan, Lucille McCulloch, Frank McCuskey, second; Drum Quarter, Bob Turnbull, Donna Osborne, Kaye Hoskins, Bonnie Mannon, third.

Mr. and Mrs. Blocher once again had a contest for their bands, it was held at S.H.S. The S.H.S. A Band tied for 1st place trophy with a rating of 1st.

The band is now working hard in order to be in good shape for this summer's State Fair visit.





#### GIRLS CHORUS

Front Row, Left to Right: Dorothy Appel, Louise Waddle, Pat Jones  
 Ruth Ann Hancher, Betty Smith, Doris Spellious, Mauritta  
 Streitmatter, Mary Leigh, Kaye Hoskins  
 Second Row: Geraldine Schultz, Donna Nighswonger, Donita Swanson,  
 Elsie Schultz, Merrielle Jury, Beverly Jones, Judy Osborne,  
 Beverly Summitt, Sharon Schupp, Barbara McDonald, Donna Gill  
 Third Row: Ruth Ann Ehle, Beverly Wilkins, Beverly Lishman,  
 Mary Jane Finnegan, Donna Osborne, Lucille McCullough, Wilma Slutz,  
 Jo Anne Campbell, Barbara Biggar, Fern Byrd, Rosemary Kimble,  
 Ruth Stuff, Director Mr. Ferrari



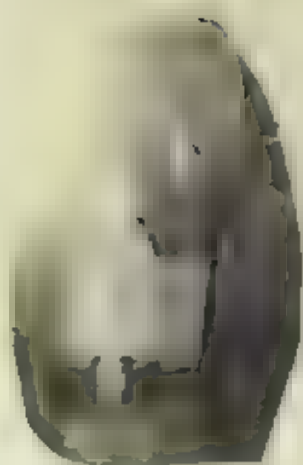
#### BOYS CHORUS

Front Row, Left to Right: Wayne Gallup, Robert Slutz, Phillip  
 Easter, Bob Turnbull, John Curry, Michael Ratcliff, Jim Mattingly  
 Back Row: Jimmy Pringle, Louie Gries, Carl Brown, Ronnie Rumbold,  
 Director Mr. Ferrari





# "Homcoming"



China + Jim



Joanne + Raymond



Judy + Bill



Donna + Larry



King + Queen



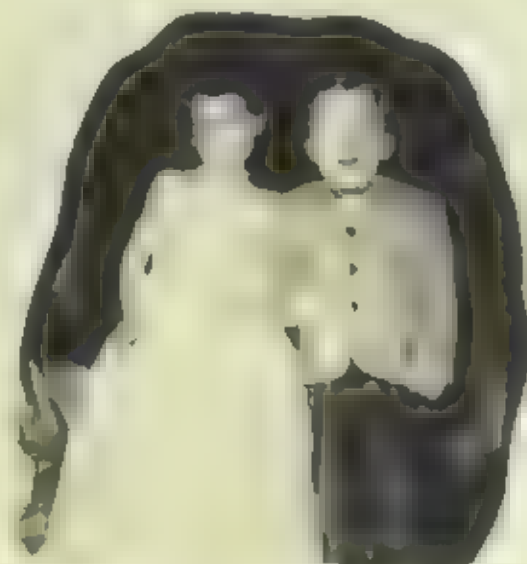
"At Last"



"Tip Off"



Team-Team-fight.



"I'm bashful"



## HOMEcoming

The annual homecoming game with Mid-County was played to a capacity house at Sparland, January 8. Although Sparland lost both games, the students and fans didn't let that fact dampen their enthusiasm for the remainder of the evening.

The homecoming dance began at 10 p.m. with the coronation of the homecoming queen.

The coronation procession was led by two court pages, Stevey Russell and Larry Schupp. They parted the wall of white and silver streamers hanging from the curtains, allowing the rest of the procession to pass on to the stage. The senior candidate, Mary Jane Finnegan, and her escort, Jim Mattingly, were the first to enter. They were followed by the junior candidate, Joanne Thielbar, and her escort, Raymond Rumbold; the sophomore candidate, Beverly Summitt, and her escort, Harold Kennedy; the freshman candidate, Judy Osborne, and her escort, Bill Moody. Following the candidates were Donna Lishman, carrying the queen's bouquet of red roses, and Larry Slutz, carrying the crown.

After the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" had faded away, there was a tense moment. Finally the senior candidate, Mary Jane Finnegan, was announced as queen of the 1954 homecoming. After she was seated on the throne, her king, Jim Mattingly, placed the crown on her head. Then Donna Lishman laid the bouquet of red roses in the queen's lap.

The king and queen danced the first dance and then led the grand march. The crowd danced the rest of the evening to the music of Ozzie Osborne and his orchestra.



## HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN'

On April 23, the Junior Class of Sparland High School presented its play. It was a hillbilly comedy in three acts.

The cast of the play was as follows:

Director. . . . .	Mr. Lippencott
Paw Hollowbone. . . . .	Lloyd Davis
Maw Hollowbone. . . . .	Mauritta Streitmatter
Homer Hollowbone. . . . .	John Curry
Sarch Jo Hollowbone. . . . .	Pat Jones
Gracie May Hollowbone. . . . .	Jo Anne Campbell
Fannie May Hollowbone. . . . .	Ruth Stuff
Pepper Hollowbone. . . . .	Bob Turnbull
Sis Hollowbone. . . . .	Louise Waddle
Granpappy Hankley. . . . .	Jim Davis
Widow Blairhouse. . . . .	Doris Spellious
Bertha Blairhouse. . . . .	Barbara McDonald
Slim Blairhouse. . . . .	Dean Probyn
Melissa Dugan. . . . .	Lucille McCullough
Hortense Todd. . . . .	Joanne Thielbar
Isabel Todd. . . . .	Ruth Ann Ryan

The central characters, Homer Hollowbone, falls in love with a city girl whose picture he found in a newspaper wrapped around a can of fish. He writes to her and boasts of his great wealth although he lives in the very worst of conditions. Gracie May, Homer's sister, finds some of the letters and thinks he is writing to a local girl. Bertha Blairhouse. Bertha arrives on the scene when she takes refuge from a snow storm at the Hollowbone house. Then, to make matters more complicated, Melissa Dugan arrives at the Hollowbone home and tells of being lost in a snow storm while looking for her rich Homer. Homer then tries to hide his identity but Melissa finds out and her method of revenge was very entertaining. Homer becomes engaged to Bertha, whom he dearly dislikes, and during this time he has periods when he thinks he is a dog. The play had a surprise ending and it was a big success.





## THE ABLE MISS CAIN

Elinor Prescott. . . . .	Beverly Wilkins
Mama who rules the roose	
Leaper Prescott. . . . .	Phillip Easter
Papa who leaps when mama speaks	
Cheryl Prescott. . . . .	Donna Osborne
Mama's pet, the spoiled daughter	
Petey Prescott. . . . .	Jim Mattingly
The kid brother, crazy over hypnotism	
Mary-Jo Jennings. . . . .	Beverly Lishman
Leaper's neice, the household drudge	
Mamie Magoon. . . . .	Wilma Slutz
The dumb maid of all work	
Gussie Smoot. . . . .	Ethel Davis
A nosy neighbor	
Jed Lawford. . . . .	Raymond Ehle
In love with Cheryl	
Orpha Van Ostada. . . . .	Mary Leigh
The town's aristocracy	
Alvie Van Ostada. . . . .	Michael Ratcliff
Her darling son	
Mrs. Pillsbury Livernore. . . . .	Kaye Hoskins
The cranky boarder	
Aunt Holly Cain. . . . .	Mary Jane Finnegan
Rich, eccentric, and full of pep	
Izzy Finklestein. . . . .	Bob Turnbull
Who tries to sell a mink coat	
Mlle. Fifi. . . . .	Geraldine Schultz
Who tries to deliver a Paris hat	
Director. . . . .	Charles Pearson

## BETWEEN ACTS

Organ Music. . . . .	Bill Twedell
Vocal Solos. . . . .	Judy Osborne

## SYNOPSIS OF ACTS

- Act I. Warm October afternoon, 4 p.m.  
Act II. Two weeks later, 1 p.m.  
Act III. The next morning about 10 a.m.





On November 13, the senior class presented "The Able Miss Cain", which everyone thought was a success.

Leaper Prescott lets his wife Elinor run the Prescott home. Cheryl is Maria's pride and joy. Petey is somewhat neglected but consoles himself by taking up hypnotism. Leaper's niece, Mary-Jo Jennings, has to do most of the house work to pay her room and board.

When the Prescotts hear that Aunt Molly Cain is visiting all her kin with the object of leaving her fortune to the next needy nephew, Elinor commands the Prescotts must play poverty-stricken. Gussie Smoot, the gossip neighbor, is delighted to spread the news that Leaper has gone bankrupt.

Mary-Jo hopes that Alvie Van Ostadde will drop Cheryl if he and his snobbish mother believe her penniless, and then poor Jed Lawford will have a chance to marry Cheryl.

Mamie Hagoon, the dumb maid who is temporarily fired, can't get the fact in her head and wanders in at the most inopportune moments. The new roomer, Mrs. Pillsbury Livermore, runs the family ragged waiting on her.

Aunt Molly Cain, who thinks she knows all about nutritional problems, finally arrives, and wildly hilarious situations develop. Izzay Finklestein and Miss Fifi try to deliver Cheryl's pink coat and Elinor's Paris hat.

A novel twist of plot reveals Aunt Molly to be Mrs. Livermore, and the fake Aunt Molly is really her paid companion. The story ends in a happy climax, as Leaper finally becomes head of the house, Mary-Jo gets Jed from Cheryl, and Petey gets cured of hypnotism for life.

# the "Able Miss Cain"



Effie Davis  
Auntie Smith

Rosal Wilkins  
Chloe Prescott

Cheryl Prescott Donat

Mrs. Pettibell  
"Auntie"

John  
"Uncle"



Ray & hule  
Ged.  
Robert  
"Uncle"

Oliver Walker  
"Decorated"  
Harry Adams  
"Prof"

Jim Mattingly  
Bob Tomlin  
"Pope"

Mary Lough  
"Auntie"

Mrs. Pillsbury  
"Believe"  
Mary Jane  
"Aunt Mary"



Mamie  
"Auntie"  
Berrie Lichman  
"Mary Jo"



























Yea Team!

Crazy  
Cute but



"I got her?"



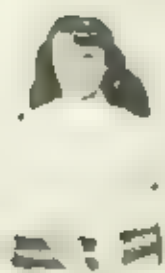
We got him Now!



Girls? P.E.



Sweet!



"Lookie Me"

"We are really Mixed-up"



"I've Joined The folies"

"ONE-two-three"









Dearie  
Do You Remember?



Beware  
Pirates!!



Hillbilly Wedding  
(Who's got da Ding Dong)



Burp him John!!



Soupe On!!



the "Champ"



Which is which???

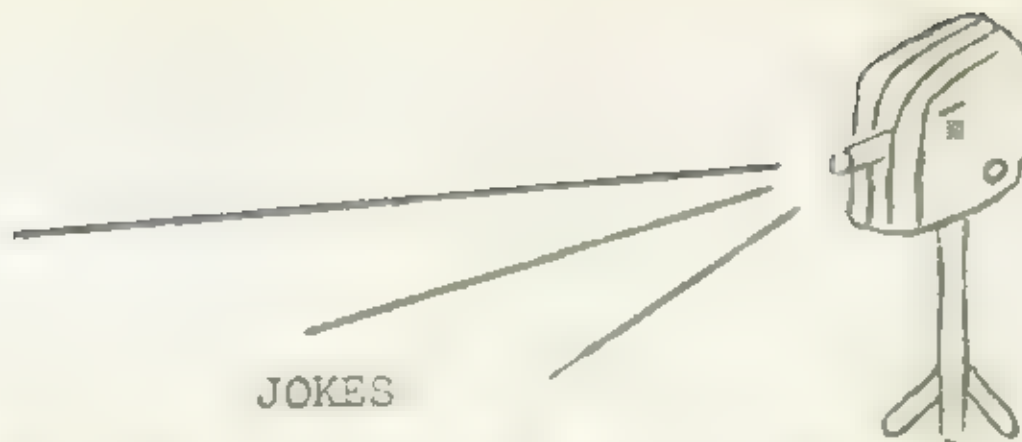


Our Boss



Teacher??





Policeman: "Miss, you were doing sixty miles an hour!"  
Bev. Jones: "Oh, isn't that splendid! I only learned to drive yesterday."

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Father: "When I was a boy I thought nothing of a ten-mile walk."  
Son: "Well, I don't think so much of it myself."

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Dean: "They say that paper can be used to keep a person warm."  
Jack: "You're telling me. My folks had a mortgage that kept them sweating for twenty years."

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First Aviator: "Quick, what do I do now, instructor?"  
Second Aviator: "Heavens above, aren't you the instructor?"

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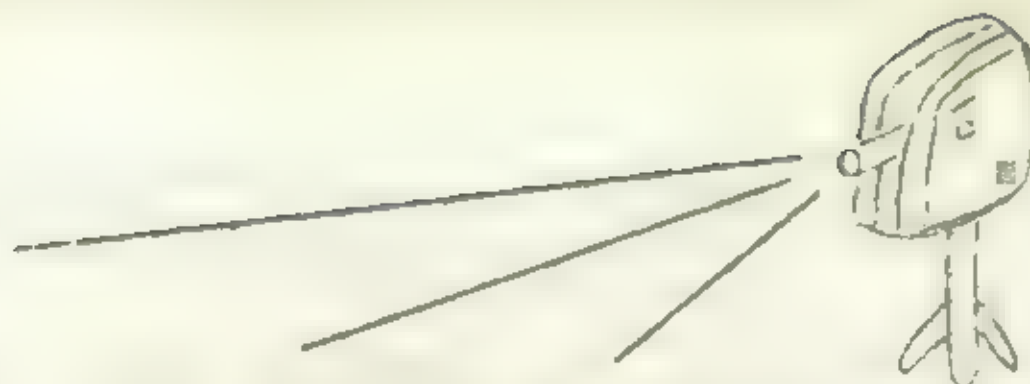
"How long did it take your wife to learn to drive?"  
"It'll be ten years in September."

Frankie K: "Say, Billy, I got a new job."  
Billy M: "What doing?"  
Frankie: "Painting whiskers on Fords."  
Billy: "Why?"  
Frankie: "To make 'em look like Lincolns."

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The teacher was quizzing the geography class.  
"Now, Willie," she said, "can you tell me where we find mangoes?"  
"Sure," said Willie, "wherever woman goes."

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Proud Parent: "Yes, Junior is only four, and he can spell his name backwards."  
Barbara B.: "Remarkable. What is his name?"  
Parent: "Otto."

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Matrimony is one state that permits a woman to work eighteen hours a day.

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Mr. Pearson: "Now, class, there is a wonderful example in the life of the ant. Every day the ant goes to work and works all day. Every day the ant is busy. And in the end what happens?"  
Louie Greene: "Someone steps on him."

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Mr. Turnbull: "How is it that your homework sums were all correct?"  
Ray E.: "Dad is away from home."

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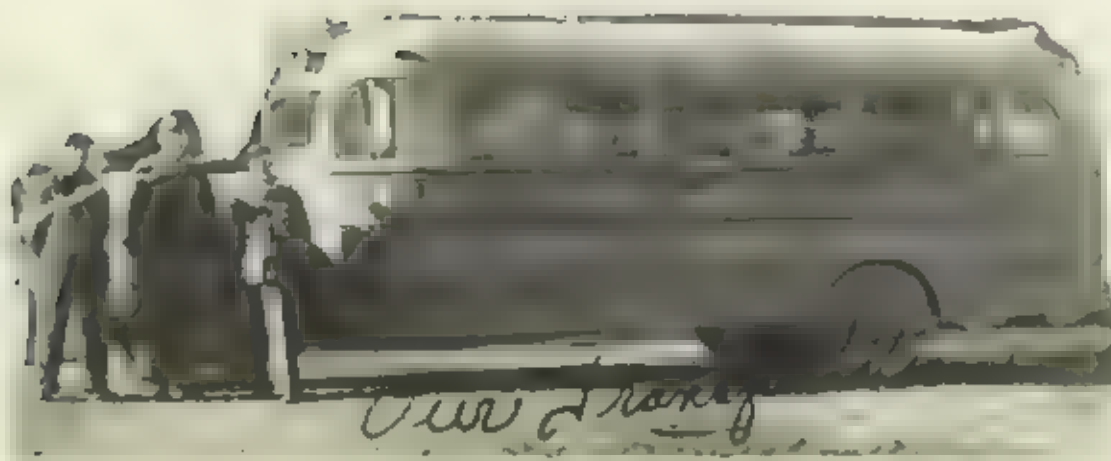
"Didn't you promise me to be a good boy?"  
"Yes, Father."  
"And didn't I promise you a thrashing if you weren't?"  
"Yes, Father, but as I've broken my promise, you needn't keep yours."

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Mrs. Koch: "Did you ever do any public speaking?"  
Joe W.: "Well, I proposed to a girl in the country over a party line."

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Ballhop, pocketing 50 cents from departing guest: "Make it a dollar and I won't mention the hotel towels you took."  
Mr. Jones: "Young man, I ought to have you arrested for making such a groundless accusation."  
Ballhop: "Fergit it, sir. Nine times out of ten it works."



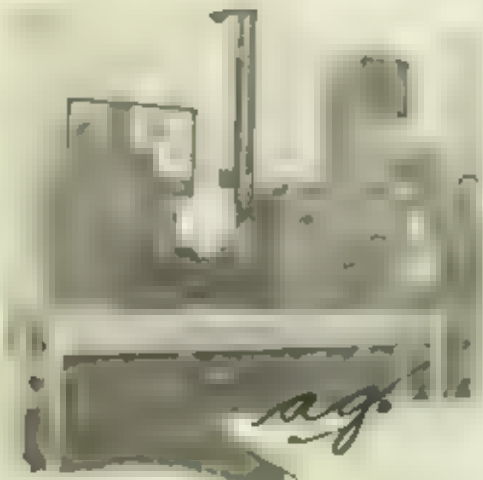
*Our Frank*



*Band*



*"Old Glory"*



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*Seniors*



*What are  
you watching?*



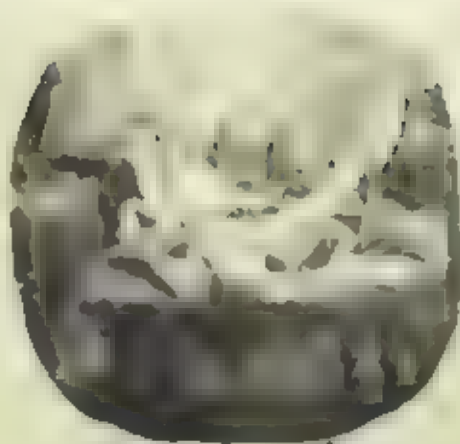
*Frank*







Juniors



Effie + Jim



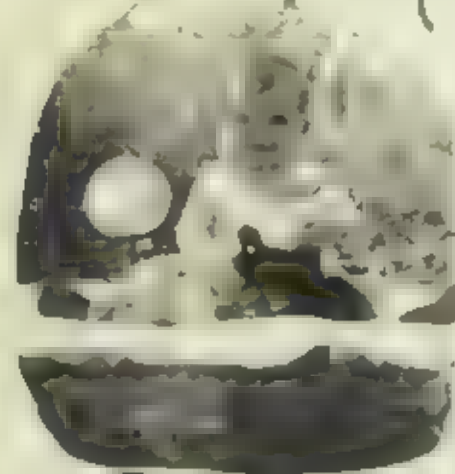
When we Were young!!



Little Phil E.



"Dolly"



Berries



"Mary Olive"



Pass That Peace Pipe



John



Bev. W.



Watchin' T.V.





A boss was upset because his new stenographer was late. Fuming, she said as he finally came in: "You should have been here at nine!"  
"Why?" she asked. "What happened?"

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It was the first time Fern Byrd had ever seen the ocean. She was silent for a long time staring at the vast expanse of water. Then she said: "You know, I don't believe it is as big as I thought it was."

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Mrs. Koch: "Why do they call our language the mother tongue?"  
Jim D.: "Because the father so seldom gets a chance to use it."

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Mary L.: "They laughed at me when I sat down at the piano--I had forgotten to bring the stool."

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Mr. Brolley: "In what battle did General Wolfe cry: 'I die happy!'"  
Punk K.: "I think it was his last battle."

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Miss Rould: "Which pine has the longest and sharpest needles?"  
Dolly G.: "The porcupine."

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Dad: "Son, I'm spanking you because I love you."  
Son: "I'd sure like to be big enough to return your love."

---

Margie W.: "Have you any wild duck?"  
Waiter: "No, man, but we can take a tame one and irritate it for you."



Teacher: "Shirley, name animals peculiar to the Arctic region."

Shirley O: "Lion, tiger, monkey."

Teacher: "What makes you think that?"

Shirley: "Because it would be peculiar if they were there."

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Dentist: "Stop waving your arms and making faces, man. I haven't even touched your tooth yet."

Miss Garnes: "I know you haven't but you're standing on my corn."

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"Your wife drives like lightning, doesn't she?"  
"Yes---always striking trees."

---

Ruth S.: "Don't you think the audience shows feeling when I sing?"

Bobby T.: "You bet! They're feeling for their hats and coats."

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Salesman: "These are especially strong shirts, madam. They simply laugh at the laundry."

Buy. L.: "I know that kind; I had some that came back with their sides split."

---

"Papa, are you growing taller?" asked the boy.  
"No, my child, why do you ask?" said Daddy.  
"Cause the top of your head is sticking up through your hair."

---

And then there's the one about the man who had to get rid of his pet skunk because the neighbors got wind of it.





Miss Rouldie



"The Loyalty"



Puppy Love



Little Brats  
(Auth. R. + Mary Jane + Tom. R.)



After Dinner Mess



"Shoot it Ronnie"



Last minute instructions



Don't Drop it John



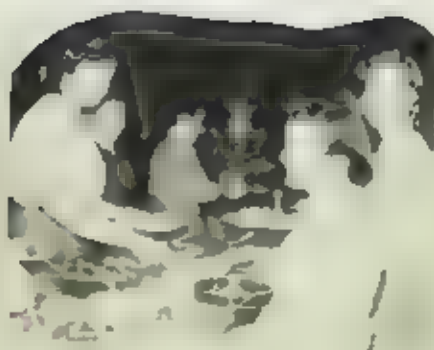
Cheer leaders







Not Really



Look! Those Teachers



Basketful Barb



Poor Nonnie



Grizzly + mate.  
(Dolly + Miss G.)



"Pepless" Band



Christmas



Where's China??



Mert + Luci.



Oh! those Kids



What's Cookin?



"Three Monkeys"



"Giggles"

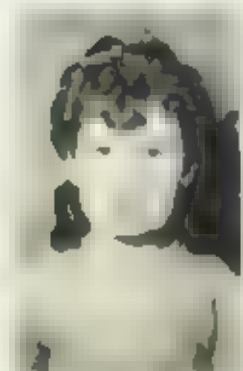


Smoke it good Luci.





Bev W.



Louise



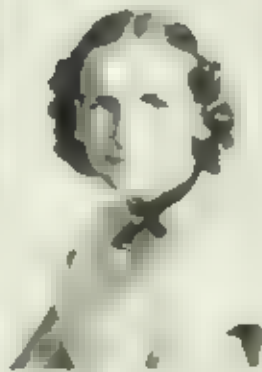
Ruth Ann



Mary Jane



Carl



Jo Anne



Bev. J.



Don



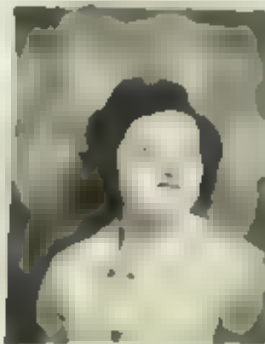
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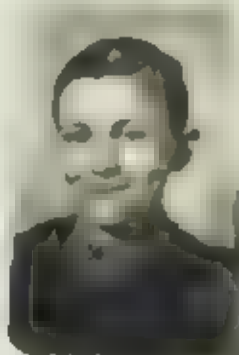
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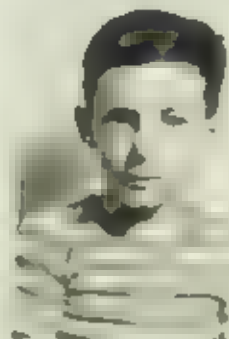
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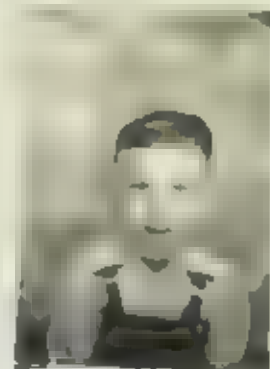
Wilma



Bev



Ruth Ann



Tommy



Ruth Ann



Donna G.



Phil Jr.



Frank



Lucille



Billy





Pigs!



Pat + Friend



Berna



Ain't we sweet?



Little Punk



'Hi-O-Silver'  
Bev. + JoAnne



The Gang and  
Leader (Deo)



Betty Smith



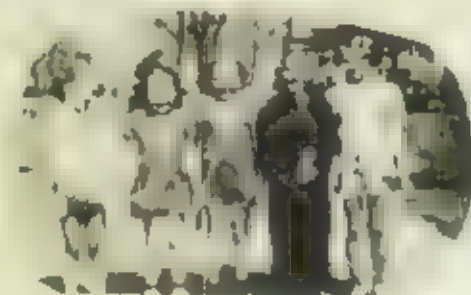
Luci + Maggie



Going Swimm'n'



Slumber Party



THE Good Ole days







#### August-

- 31 First day of school

#### September-

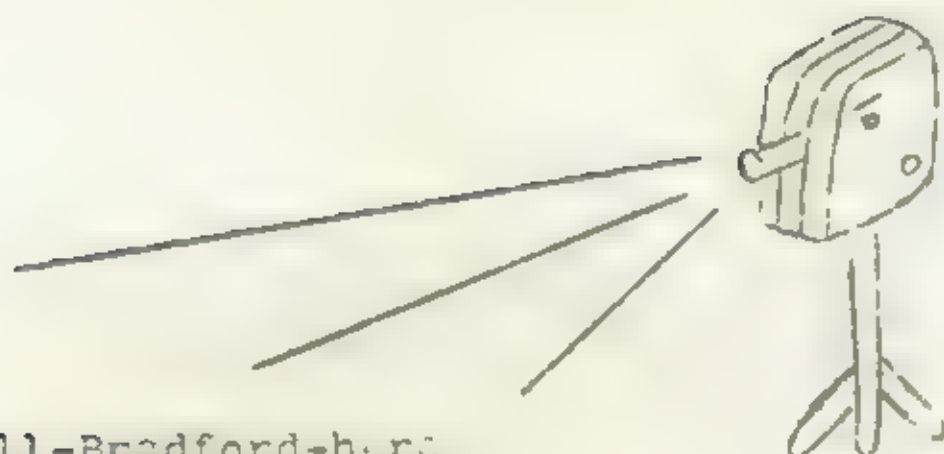
- 7 Legal Holiday-Labor Day
- 8 Baseball-Tonica-here
- 10 Junior Class Rings picked out
- 11 Baseball-Hopkins-here
- 15 Senior Pictures Taken
- 15 Baseball-Lostant-there
- 18 Baseball-Henry-there
- 22 Baseball-Wanona-here
- 24 Baseball-Swaney-here
- 25 Teachers Institute-No school
- 28 F.H.A. Delegates Meeting at Spring Valley
- 29 Baseball-Toluca-there

#### October-

- 2 F.H.A. Slumber Party
- 9 End of first six weeks
- 16 Freshman Party
- 20 State Inspectors
- 23 Sophomore Class Party
- 24 G.A.A. Play Day-Washington
- 27 Seniors Sell Annual Ads
- 28 Family Living Field Trip to Peoria
- 30 Individual Pictures taken
- 31 Band goes to Macon

#### November-

- 4 Tri-County Meeting
- 6 Seniors picked out announcements
- 11 Legal Holiday-Armistice Day
- 13 Senior Play
- 17 Basketball-Toluca-there
- 20 Basketball-Tonica-here
- 20 End of second six weeks
- 27 Legal Holiday-Thanksgiving
- 27 Peoria Santa Claus Parade



#### December-

- 1 Basketball-Bradford-here
- 4 Basketball-Lostant-here
- 4 Chillicothe Santa Claus Parade
- 8 Junior Class sponsored movie at Lacon
- 11 Basketball-Hennepin-there
- 15 Basketball-Tiskilwa-here
- 18 Basketball-Lostant-there
- 22 Basketball-Swaney-here
- 23 Senior Assembly
- 23 School closes for Christmas Vacation

#### January-

- 4 School reopens
- 5 Basketball-Washburn-there
- 8 Basketball-Mid-County-here--Homecoming
- 12 Basketball-Henry-here
- 14 Semester Exams
- 15 Basketball-Wenona-there
- 15 End of third six weeks--first semester ends
- 19 Basketball-Tonica-there
- 22 Basketball-Hennepin-here
- 26-29 Tri-County Tournament at Henry
- 29 Freshman Assembly

#### February-

- 2 Basketball-Bradford-here
- 2 Speaker from Browns School of Business
- 5 Basketball-Toluca-here
- 9 Basketball-Hopkins-here
- 12 Basketball-Mid-County-there
- 12 Legal Holiday-Lincoln's Birthday
- 16 Basketball-Washburn-here
- 17 Chemistry Class Field Trip to Peoria
- 19 Basketball-Swaney-there
- 22-26 District Tournament-Hennepin
- 26 End of fourth six weeks
- 26 Sophomore Assembly
- 27 F.F.A. Broadcast on WIRL



#### March-

- 1 Junior Play Practice starts
- 17-20 State Basketball Tournament
- 18 Donkey Basketball Game
- 26 F.H.A. Party-Mardi-Gras
- 31 Student Council sponsored assembly

#### April-

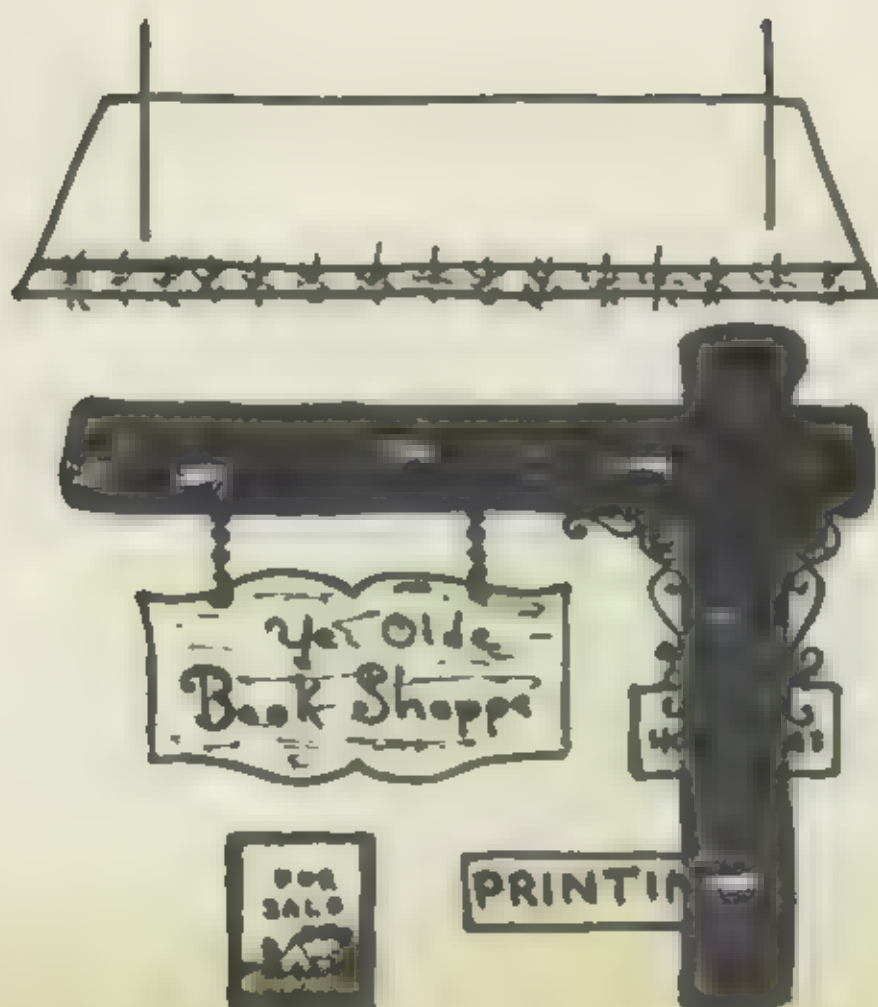
- 2 F.F.A. Parent Banquet
- 3 F.H.A. Spring Rally at Princeton
- 6 Band Contest
- 9 Tri-Angular Track Meet at Swaney
- 13 Tri-Angular Track Meet at Mid-County
- 16 Legal Holiday-Good Friday
- 19 No school-Easter Monday
- 20 Tri-Angular Track Meet at Hopkins
- 22 Ag Judging Contest
- 23 Junior Assembly
- 23 Junior Play
- 27 Tri-Angular Track Meet at Henry
- 30 State Music Contest at Charleston

#### May-

- 1 Junior-Senior Prom
- 5 Student Administration Day
- 7 G.A.A. Skating Party
- 13-15 Senior Class Trip to Chicago
- 21 Senior Class Night
- 22 Alumni Banquet
- 23 Baccalaureate
- 25 High School Picnic
- 26 High School Graduation and last day of school.



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To the "Speedy"  
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doesn't go so fast!! Just kidding!  
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